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HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL IN THE DOCK

On-line campaign fights storage on town's doorstep

A DECISION on whether to allow 2,500 tonnes of a potentially hazardous chemical to be stored at Chatham Docks is expected to be made in the next fortnight.

Steel firm Arcelor Mittal Kent Wire has submitted a controversial application to house huge quantities of the ammonium nitrate compound within yards of Medway police HQ and hundreds of homes.

Statutory bodies such as the Health

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and Safety Executive, and the Environment Agency, are in the process of reviewing the controversial application.

Medway council chiefs will then take their views, as well as those of the police and Medway homeowners, into account and make a ruling.

Arcelor Mittal came under fire last week, when it emerged that quanti-

ties of the chemical have already been shipped in and out of Chatham Docks.

A spokesman confirmed the firm had handled more than 7,000 tonnes of the material since 2006, but was only recently made aware they needed hazardous chemical consent to store more than 1,000 tonnes at a time.

They said: "At this point we made an immediate application to Medway council. We have done absolutely nothing wrong in this matter and throughout the whole process have acted under instruction with full compliance."

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STILL A BIT OF ALL WRITE

This hot new author signed copies of her first foray into fiction at Britain's leading shopping centre.

Spice Girl Geri Halliwell chatted to her fans and autographed copies of Ugenia Lavender, a book she has written for children, at the Waterstone's store at Bluewater on Monday from 2pm to 3pm.

The book is about the adventures of a brave and sassy nine-year-old girl called Ugenia.

Each book in the series to be penned by Ginger Spice will contain three stories, plus Ugenia's Big News, Top Tips and puzzle pages.

Waterstone's event co-ordinator Lucy Hudson said: "It was a real honour to welcome such a huge celebrity to the store for this extremely rare book-signing appearance."



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ANYONE FOR TENNIS?: Gillingham looks set to increase its indoor tennis facilities

Tennis court plans served to council

PLANS to build a dedicated tennis academy in Gillingham will be discussed by Medway council next week.

The proposal would see a multi-million pound indoor centre built on the Beechings Cross playing field in Cornwallis Avenue.

If accepted by cabinet on Wednesday, June 3, the two hectare site would be put out to tender to developers.

In a report to council chiefs, head of leisure Gary Ingram wrote: "The proposal to pursue a tennis academy at Beechings Cross will assist in realising Medway's cultural ambitions."

The land was originally earmarked for a new football academy development, with cabinet members placing an advertisement for investors in the Leisure Opportunities magazine in September 2007.

Four parties, including Gillingham FC, declared an interest, however during this time Play Football Ltd received planning permission to build a 12-court football centre at the rear of the Howard School in Rainham.

The firm also applied to take on the Beechings Way project, offering to build a six-court indoor tennis acade-

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my instead through their Tennis Together subsidiary company.

Mr Ingram wrote: "A 12-court soccer academy is about to be built at the rear of the Howard School, just a short distance from Beechings Cross and in addition the council's Kicks Soccer Academy has recently opened at Strood Leisure Centre."

"Therefore pursuing a football academy at this site is no longer a council priority."

"The suggestion from Tennis Together highlights the potential of indoor tennis at this site, as Medway has no indoor tennis provision, and currently no other prospect of developing one."

The report goes on to state that the council has power under general consents to dispose of the land at below the market value by up to £2 million where it considers the sale will improve or promote the economic, environmental or social well-being of the area.

Build time for a six-court tennis centre would take three months from the point planning permission is obtained.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Court hearing after cash stolen from OAP

A MAN has been accused of stealing more than £1,400 in cash from a pensioner.

The 60-year-old victim was robbed as he walked along Skinner Street in Gillingham on May 19 at 4pm.

Clive Butcher, 28, of Burnup Bank, Sittingbourne, was arrested in connection with the crime and later charged with robbery.

He will appear before Medway Magistrates Court on Friday, June 6, for a remand hearing.

Operation encourages drivers to slow down

EIGHT motorists were stopped and given verbal warnings by Medway police during a day-long crackdown on speeding.

The drivers were pulled over at road checks set up across the towns on May 16.

Sergeant Bob Bangle said their efforts were aimed to promote road safety: "In this instance if people were only a few miles above the limit, they were warned."

Fire crews called out to help flood victims

DOZENS of homes were flooded on Monday morning after heavy rain deluged Kent the night before.

A Kent Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said fire crews were called to flood-hit properties in Rochester, Maidstone and Tonbridge.

But he added that most incidents were "fairly minor".

The heavy rain struck Kent on Sunday night and continued into Monday morning. Flash-flooding caused problems for motorists across the county.

Couple swam to shore during rescue search

A MAJOR sea and air search was launched after a mayday call from a couple on a sinking cabin cruiser.

Several lifeboats and coastguard vessels, together with an RAF helicopter, spent two hours searching the Thames Estuary for the man and woman. But the couple were then spotted waving to the search teams from the shore at Allhallows on the Isle of Grain, after jumping into the water and swimming to safety.

They were not injured.

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Kids still at risk on roads but it's better

Injury figures have dropped by almost 50 per cent

FOURTEEN children were killed or seriously injured on Medway's roads last year, new figures show.

Council statistics revealed that more than one youngster each month required urgent medical treatment on the roadside during 2007 – and some lost their lives.

In total 79 motorists died or suffered horrific injuries throughout the year, equating to three casualties per fortnight.

The towns' extensive road network also accounted for 690 'slight' injuries.

Council chiefs believe they are winning the road safety battle though claiming road safety efforts were having a marked effect, with the number of motorists and passengers killed or seriously injured in Medway falling 45 per cent in ten years.

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Between 1994 and 1998 an average of 143 people – including 29 children – fell into that category.

The number of 'slight' injuries was also down by 22 per cent, falling from an average of 880 each year.

Last year's figures also surpassed government targets set in 2000, a three years ahead of schedule.

Frontline services chief Phil Filmer said: "It's great news that the people of Medway are safer on our roads now than they have been for many years. It's also a tribute to the efforts of the council's road safety team.

"But we won't be complacent. Through analysis of locations, road-users and previous crash data, we will continue to strive for safer, less congested roads in Medway, in an

effort to exceed targets and expectations."

The council's road safety team completes an average of 40 safety-engineering schemes per year.

As part of their work speed cameras were placed on the A228 near Hoo in November.

The average speed cameras cover a 7.5km section of the road, which has played host to 57 crashes – including seven deaths and nine serious injuries – in the past six years.

The road safety team also promotes sustainable travel, helps schools to develop travel plans and provides free cycle training.

Further activities include undertaking road safety audits on all highway improvement schemes, delivering educational programmes, and working with community safety partners to produce initiatives such as the award-winning Licence to Kill education drive.

Picture: KNP



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH SAY LORRY DRIVERS

Nearly 100 lorries set off from Medway yesterday morning to protest about fuel price increases at No 10 Downing Street.

Truckers from across the country took part in the 'go slow' through central London, with a Kent convoy leaving Farthing Corner service station on the M2 at Gillingham at around 7.15am.

Peter Knight, of Les Knight Transport at Oare, helped to organise the event – believed to be the largest fuel duty protest the capital has ever seen.

He said: "Last week we saw a five pence increase in a litre of fuel. It's something we're not going to accept. It's driving hauliers out of business."

An estimated 500 lorries from across the UK took part, heading to Downing Street to hand a letter to Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The protest comes as the price of a litre of diesel has soared past £1.20.

Facebook users join opposition

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The application has been slammed by Medway's political parties, which have all launched campaigns opposing Arcelor Mittal's application.

Gillingham and Rainham MP Paul Clark has set up an online group calling for the proposal to be binned.

At the time of going to press, more than 400 Facebook members had added their name to the 'No ammonium nitrate in Chatham Dockyard' petition.

One member wrote: "Are Arcelor Mittal mad? Who in their right mind would want to put this right next to a residential area."

"Lower Gillingham has become a dumping ground for everything that no one else wants."

Another added: "We don't want anything dangerous here – even though it already is. Are we some sort of dumping ground? No, we are a town full of people."

A spokesman for Medway council said: "Arcelor Mittal Kent Wire is aware of the situation and that is why it has applied to Medway Council for permission to allow it to store large quantities of ammonium nitrate at Chatham Docks."

"The responsibility is always on the operator to apply for any consent. The council is consulting with a number of statutory bodies before deciding on the application."

Mobile phone scares away potential sex attacker on footpath

A TEENAGE girl was pinned to the ground by a balding man with yellow teeth as she walked through a park.

But the suspected sex attacker panicked when the terrified 17-year-old girl's mobile phone started ringing whilst he was on top of her, forcing him to flee.

Police have issued an urgent plea for witnesses in a bid to catch the pervert before he strikes again.

The victim was grabbed as she walked along a footpath in Luton recreation ground in Chatham last Wednesday morning.

The girl noticed the 40 to 50-year-old man following her between 8.30am and 9.30am and sped up to avoid him. Panic-stricken, she stumbled and fell, enabling him to clamber on top of her and hold her down.

The ordeal was brought to an end when the girl's mobile phone rang, at which point the man ran away.

Detective Constable Steve Paine urged witnesses to come forward,

saying: "We know there was a woman in a pink tracksuit walking a Staffordshire Bull Terrier in the recreation ground who was approached by the girl. We are keen to hear from her as she may have information."

"Clearly this is a worrying incident and neighbourhood officers have been notified and will be paying attention to the area."

"We are also advising people to be aware of their own personal safety and remain vigilant when walking in secluded or unlit areas."

"If people would like to know more about crime prevention techniques, they should contact their neighbourhood watch office."

The man was described as white, 5ft 6ins tall and slightly overweight. He had grey balding hair, droopy eyes and yellow uneven teeth.

He wore black trainers and a blue-buttoned pinstripe shirt.

Anyone with information should call Medway police on 01634 792535.

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Cannabis finds double in county

THE number of cannabis plants seized has more than doubled in the last 12 months, according to police.

In 2006/07, fewer than 4,000 plants were found during police raids, but in the last year the figure rose to 8,350.

The figures are a huge increase on the number found four years ago, when just 735 plants were seized.

Last week police raided two addresses in one street in Ramsgate. Officers discovered about 200 plants in the first raid and more than 100 in the second.

Police said 32 cannabis factories were closed across the county last year.

But Martin Barnes of DrugScope, a group which analyses the impact of illegal substances, has queried police tactics and their effectiveness.

He said: "I don't think these sort of raids are going to get cannabis off the streets. There's no evidence they are impacting on availability."

Could you adopt a homeless pet?

PET Adoption Week starts on Saturday, June 7, and RSPCA centres will be open for people who want to give an animal a good home.

TV presenter Kate Humble, who fronts BBC's Animal Park, is encouraging anyone looking for a new pet to pay a visit to one of the charity's centres during the open days which run until Sunday, June 15. Kate recently adopted Badger, a crossbreed terrier.

For an information pack about adopting an animal from the RSPCA, call the PAW phoneline on 0300 123 8484 or find out more at www.rspca.org.uk/paw.

Festival celebration of a literary legend

BY SIMON ROBINSON

VICTORIAN characters will parade through Rochester this weekend during the 30th annual Dickens Festival.

The three-day event starts on Friday, when hundreds of costumed revellers will be parading through the High Street from noon.

The city's pubs, clubs and restaurants are hosting events and entertainment throughout the weekend, ranging from juggling displays to children's readings.

Thousands of visitors are expected to flock to Rochester for the popular celebration of Medway's most famous man of letters, world renowned 19th century author Charles Dickens.

Medway Council's community services chief Howard Doe said: "Our festivals calendar is second



STREET LIFE: Many of Dickens' colourful characters will leap from the page at the festival

to none and this year's Dickens Festival looks set to be as colourful as ever."

A Victorian funfair will be set up in Rochester Castle Gardens, while tours, parades and street entertainment will help keep the crowds entertained. Competitions will be held throughout the weekend, including Saturday's best costume contest with the opportunity

to become Mr or Mrs Rochester. A festival cruise along the River Medway will set sail on Sunday.

Ardent Dickens fans can extend their festival by attending the pre-event grand summer ball tomorrow (Thursday), at the Corn Exchange, Rochester. Tickets cost £21.

For more details, visit www.medway.gov.uk/dickensfestival.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY

- Eastgate House, 10am-4.30pm - Then and Now and Victorian Life exhibitions
- Castle Gardens - Alfie Smith's traditional funfair
- High Street, noon - parade
- Visitor Information Centre, 2.15pm-3.45pm - walking tour of Rochester

SATURDAY

- Enigma Café and Wine Bar, 10.30am - The Samande Jugglers
- Guildhall Museum forecourt, 11am - BAE Systems Brass Band
- Castle Gardens, 2.30pm - Mr Rochester competition
- La Providence, 3.45pm - Pickwick Players
- Star Hill, 4.30pm - afternoon parade

SUNDAY

- Royal Victoria and Bull Hotel courtyard, 12.15pm - yard of ale competition
- Eastgate House, 1pm - children's reading by Jean Haynes
- Rochester Pier, 2pm-2.45pm - cruises aboard Kingswear Castle paddle steamer

BUSY FIRST MONTH FOR FLYING FORCE



The new police helicopter was used for 25 hours in operations across the county during its first month in action.

The aircraft is jointly operated by Kent police and their colleagues in Essex and is available to either force up to 20 hours a day, seven days a week.

One of its first jobs was in Halsted, Medway, searching for burglary suspects, and it was also used during a Gillingham FC match, where arrests were made.

The crew also gathered photographic evidence of cannabis plants in Ashford and six people were arrested in April when it directed officers on the ground to an illegal hare course meeting.

Ann Barnes, chairman of the Kent Police Authority, said she was pleased the helicopter was proving its worth.

"This extra tool will play a significant role in the coming years and bring big benefits to taxpayers on both sides of the Thames," she said.

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BAD IDEA: Councillors Teresa Murray and Nick Bowler are shocked by the plans to sell off car parks

Council defends car park cuts as 'value for money'

BY SIMON ROBINSON

LABOUR councillors have hit out at the council's "ridiculous" plans to axe three car parks across Medway.

Council chiefs slapped 'surplus to requirement' tags on sites in Gillingham, Rochester and Walderslade two months ago, saying they were not providing good value for money.

However, Labour party duo Nick Bowler and Teresa Murray have this week slammed the decision, saying Medway residents need more parking spaces than ever.

Speaking of the proposed sale of the car park in King Street, Rochester, Cllr Murray said: "The situation is ridiculous. We have around eight new development sites either already started or in the pipeline near this carpark."

"Residents say they need more parking, not less. In fact, the difficulty with parking was the number one issue identified by the local police and communities together meeting (PACT), and also the police in our area."

"The Tories seem keen to ignore residents' views and also the police's, but we will fight to retain the whole site, and not just the half they've offered."

Cllr Bowler added: "This is a well-used car park and I can't believe the Tories are thinking of selling it off."

"Residents and visitors make great use of it, especially during the summer festivals."

Council bosses agreed to put the car parks in Robin Hood Lane, Walderslade, Railway Street, Gillingham, and King Street, Rochester, up for sale in March, alongside the Jezreels Tower site and land at the Broadway, both in Gillingham.

Priorities

Finance chief and deputy leader of Medway council Alan Jarrett said: "The income will be dictated by the market and best consideration."

"Any proceeds from these sales will be used to fund council priorities such as Medway Park, housing and regeneration."

"For most of these properties, income from them is outweighed by management and maintenance costs."

"It all comes down to achieving even better value for money for the people of Medway, resulting in an improved environment and better services."

Centre sheds some sunlight on Hei People

A FURTHER six members of the wooden Hei People tribe have taken up residence in Medway, moving into the Sunlight Centre on Monday morning.

The scarecrow-like figures braved the blustery weather to set up home at the Gillingham community centre. Their arrival comes just a week after a similar-sized scouting group moved into the Brook Theatre in Chatham.

The Hei People have returned to Medway to take in the annual Fuse Festival and will remain on their lofty perches from Saturday to June 14.

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Taxing times for cars without documents

SIXTY-one dodgy cars were taken off Medway roads during a week-long crackdown on untaxed vehicles.

Police seized them during Operation Cubit, which aims to rid the roads of untaxed, uninsured or abandoned cars.

The operation proved particularly successful in Brompton following complaints from Melville Court residents, who were frustrated with a neighbour who had not taxed their Vauxhall Frontera for more than two years.

Area PCSO Sara White said: "Residents were concerned about the car and requested something be done about it."

"I was aware the operation was running this week and thought that the car may be suitable for removal."

"The owner will now have to pay a release fee of £105 and tax the car before it will be returned."

Uninsured and untaxed vehicles can be clamped, confiscated or removed and unless registered owners are able to pay a release fee and tax the car, they may be crushed or cubed.

Police show they're aware of drug dealers

POLICE made five arrests in Medway during national drugs awareness week.

As part of the drive, officers also carried out a number of warrants, confiscating more than £5,000 of drugs, as well as cash and suspected stolen goods.

Detective Constable Adam Jones said: "This action shows we will target those who are involved in supplying drugs."

"In addition to the warrants and arrests we are keen for people to contact CrimeStoppers and report anyone who they feel may be involved in the drugs network. Together we can make a difference."

Little Ships prompt big memories for troops

A REMEMBRANCE service was held in Medway on Sunday to mark the 68th anniversary of the evacuation of Dunkirk.

A fleet of the Little Ships used to ferry troops across the Channel during the rescue mission in May 1940 sailed into Chatham docks on Saturday and stayed there until Monday.

A Medway council spokeswoman said the visit was to commemorate Operation Dynamo, in which 385,000 British and Allied troops were rescued from advancing Germans.

The flotilla set sail from Sheerness and Ramsgate to cross the Channel.



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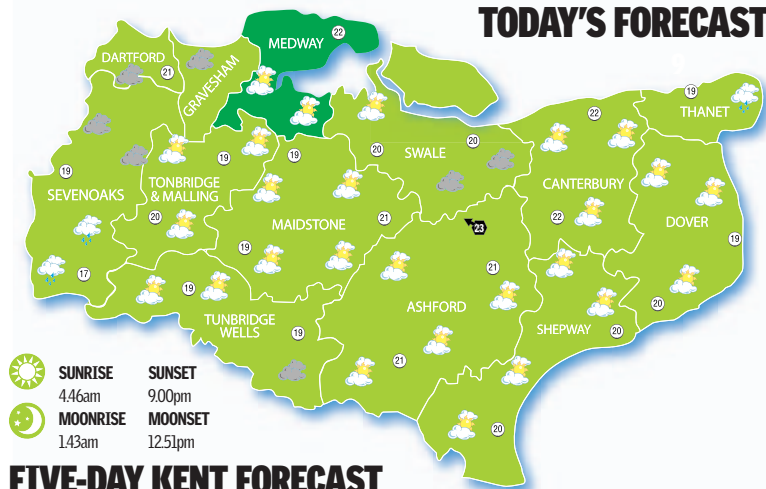
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	Sunday	7:32am	5.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:11am	6.1m
	Sunday	7:32am	6.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:57am	4.1m
	Sunday	8:02am	4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	7:48am	4.9m
	Sunday	8:57am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:04am	4.6m
	Sunday	9:08am	4.7m

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Cape Town	24°C	Tenerife	23°C
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Gibraltar	21°C	Vancouver	22°C
Hong Kong	30°C	Warsaw	19°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	10°C

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Canterbury	20°C	22°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	Maidstone	19°C	22°C	22°C	23°C	23°C
Chatham	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Ramsgate	20°C	22°C	20°C	20°C	19°C
Dartford	19°C	22°C	21°C	22°C	23°C	Rochester	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Dover	17°C	19°C	18°C	17°C	17°C	Sevenoaks	18°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	21°C
Faversham	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Sittingbourne	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Folkestone	17°C	19°C	18°C	17°C	17°C	Tonbridge	19°C	21°C	21°C	22°C	22°C
Gillingham	17°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Tun Wells	19°C	21°C	21°C	22°C	22°C

Markets join forces to deliver the goods

ROCHESTER weekly market will merge with the popular farmers' market from next month. Council bosses said the move was made to offer shoppers a wider range of goods and place the combined market on a par with similar set-ups in Strood and Gillingham.

Economic growth boss, Jane Chitty, said: "This is a positive move to revive Rochester Market and it's sensible that traders have the opportunity to work together."

"Our markets in Medway continue to thrive and grow at Gillingham and Strood. They are both good examples of lively, enterprising and social markets."

The last weekly market in Rochester is planned for Friday, June 6. The next farmers' market is the following Sunday, when the two will combine.

The farmers' market is located in Corporation Street car park on the third Sunday of every month from 8am to 1pm.

Get on your bike

CYCLISTS are being invited to peddle around one of Medway's most popular beauty spots as part of national bike week.

The Cycle Round Capstone Park event on Saturday, June 21, gives cyclists of all ages and abilities the chance to try out the Chatham park's new 2.5 mile mountain bike track.

Community services chief Howard Doe said: "This is an excellent opportunity for the whole family to get out together, enjoy some exercise and have fun."

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Q Tell us a little about yourself.

A I am an elected councillor for Rainham. I'm married to councillor Tony Goulden, with one daughter Michelle and two granddaughters, four-year-old Asri Mae and eight-month-old Eleni Rose. I was born in Elgin, Scotland, and apart from two years when I lived in Sidcup, have lived in Medway since I was four – that's 50 years.

I was born into an Royal Engineers family, my dad was regimental sergeant major, so I have strong connections with Brompton Barracks where I spent a lot of my childhood and I am passionate about anything to do with the Armed Forces.

Q You have just completed a year's service as the Mayor of Medway – what were the highlights?

A Being Mayor of Medway gives you many experiences, all holding lots of different emotions, and so many memorable events that you couldn't pick out one, or even two, that were the best because there really are so many special occasions in the year.

Being chair of the council meeting that granted the RE's the Freedom of Medway, presiding over citizenship ceremonies, the remembrance services with the Armed Forces, veterans day and all the awards ceremonies for so many different events are all so special, all giving Tony and I the privilege of meeting so many special people. They all make you realise what an honour it is to represent the people of these towns.

Medway is full of very talented young people – take the cadets across all the forces, every unit full of great youngsters that makes you want to cry with pride when you see them and they did fill me with pride and admiration on many occasions and make me cry with the emotion of it all. Medway is full of good people working hard for good causes and it was a privilege to meet all those that we did.

Q The charities you supported received a record amount of cash, which charities were they and how close to your heart are they?

A Our six named charities were Medway Older Peoples Partnership, of which I am honorary president and elderly issues have always been important to me; Medway and Gravesham Cat Protection League – you have to meet this bunch of ladies to understand the passion, love and dedication they give; Medway Asthma Self Help, which does a great job; Medway Towns Sea Cadets – a very special group of adults and youngster; Home Start, which is a fantastic organisation helping families with young children coping with problems in life, and my last charity was Wisdom Hospice, a wonderful place doing a very hard and sad job in a caring, supportive way.

All our charities deserve support and help because of the fantastic job they do for others. The extra two charities we have supported are alzheimer's and dementia, which are very sad conditions which are worse for the people that love and care for sufferers. The people running

the local group from the Sunlight Centre and the volunteers are a wonderful group of people and we are thrilled that the new Mayor and Mayoress are supporting this charity. The other charity we have supported is run by Kings Church and is Caring Hands, which works with the poor and homeless.

Q What are the best bits of being a ward councillor?

A Being a ward councillor gives the opportunity to try and help people in the community. It is not always possible, sadly, but at least you can try and when you succeed it's a good feeling. Sometimes it can be frustrating because what pleases one group of people can displease others, it's a lot of work at times but mostly well worth it.

Q What specific needs to Luton and Wayfield have?

A Luton and Wayfield has a shortage of facilities for young people, in fact Wayfield has no facilities for anyone, no church halls, community centres, nothing.

Q What are the best bits of living and working in Medway?

A The people make Medway great, as I have already said. We have a huge number of talented good caring people in our towns that do a lot of good work and we have a lot of fantastic young people that get outshone by the few bad ones.

Q & A

The former Mayor of Medway talked to **Simon Robinson** about her time as the town's figurehead, the charities she supported and the rewards of being ward councillor for Luton and Wayfield

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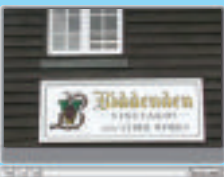
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Solace for Bond fans

Author Ian Fleming would have been 100 years old today but he died on August 12, 1964, in hospital in Canterbury, following a heart attack suffered on Sandwich Golf Course. Most famous as the writer of 12 novels and nine short stories featuring super spy James Bond, he also wrote the children's classic Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. He lived for some time at a house in St Margaret's Bay which he bought from his friend Noel Coward, before moving to Jamaica when the money from the Bond books started flowing.

■ BY NICK AMES



LEGEND LIVES ON: Daniel Craig and Gemma Arterton in the latest Bond film Quantum of Solace

BOND fans can celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of his creator Ian Fleming by visiting the landmarks in Kent which provided the backdrop to his novels.

The author, born 100 years ago today, lived for many years in St Margaret's Bay and used locations across the county for scenes in his cherished secret agent books.

To mark his centenary his fans can embark on their own 007-style adventure exploring the settings James Bond battled villains including Sir Hugo Drax, Goldfinger and Blofeld.

Instead of outer space – as in the film – the White Cliffs of Dover was the base of Drax in Moonraker, while Charing Hill was the scene of a car chase rather than Venice in the movie – where Roger Moore raised an eyebrow in a gondola.

Also in the novel 007 is busy negotiating “the bottlenecks of Ashford and Maidstone” in the only story set entirely in the UK – actually just Kent and London.

Villainous Goldfinger had his base in Thanet in the book – and most famously Bond took him on at golf at Royal St George's near Sandwich.

Fleming kept the description of “the great-



MOST FAMOUS: Ian Fleming lived in a red-tiled house on the cliffs at St Margaret's Bay and he loved to play golf at Royal St George's near Sandwich

est seaside golf course in the world” but for some reason changed its name to Royal St Marks.

The secret agent with a licence to kill arrives in Kent from London “through the

dainty teleworld of Herne Bay” as he has a silent prayer to the US pilots then based at Manston to be careful with their nuclear payloads.

The village of Pett Bottom in east Kent is mentioned as the childhood home of 007 in an obituary written by secret service chief M in You Only Live Twice – when he thinks the agent is dead.

It reads: “... the youth came under the guardianship of an aunt, since deceased, Miss Charmian Bond, and went to live with her at the quaintly-named hamlet of Pett Bottom near Canterbury in Kent.

“There, in a small cottage hard by the attractive Duck Inn, his aunt, who must have been a most erudite and accomplished lady, completed his education for an English public school...”

The Duck Inn exists and was Fleming's local for a while and he wrote some of You Only Live Twice, which involves ninjas, arch villain Blofeld and a castle of death, while in the pub.

Fleming lived for a time in the village of Bekebourne nearby but his most famous home in Kent was at St Margaret's Bay, where the red-tiled house he bought from Noel Coward can still be seen half way up a cliff. It is not open to the public.



Vintage book for 100th year

A NEW Bond novel, written in the style of Ian Fleming by top writer Sebastian Faulks, is out today to commemorate the centenary of the 007 creator.

Devil May Care is being hailed as the closest thing to vintage Fleming ever written and is set during the Cold War.

Agent 007 has recently lost his wife and is portrayed as an older man than the central character in classics such as Moonraker or Casino Royale.

He is investigating a series of events surrounding the smuggling of opium in a number of glamorous locations.

Mr Faulks has often spoken of his admiration for Ian Fleming.

“The writing was very clear, swift journalistic,” he said. “I liked the elegance of the style as well as a certain playfulness – not the heavy camp groaning jokes of the Roger Moore films, but the feeling that Fleming occasionally winks at you and isn't taking it all too seriously.”

“In his house in Jamaica Ian Fleming used to write a thousand words in the morning, then go snorkelling, have a cocktail, lunch on the terrace, more diving, another thousand words in late afternoon, then more Martinis and glamorous women.

“In my house in London I followed this routine exactly, apart from the cocktails, the lunch and the snorkelling.”

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■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE head of an NHS trust's team of superbug-busting experts has revealed the priorities for managing killer infections in the primary care setting.

Fighting superbugs such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile in acute hospitals has been widely publicised, especially in the wake of the health watchdog's report into two C diff outbreaks at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

But these healthcare associated infections can also strike in the primary care environment of community hospitals, care homes for the elderly and disabled, GP surgeries and other healthcare centres.

Barrie Collins, West Kent Primary Care Trust's (PCT) director of infection prevention and control, said: "Everyone has a part to play."

"It is not just the professionals but patients themselves and visitors are all a part of the picture in preventing infection."

Techniques

KOS Media's Clean Safe and Healthy campaign has seen the award-winning publishers join forces with the NHS across Kent to promote hand hygiene to help tackle superbugs.

Mr Collins and his team at the PCT have been running a series of roadshows to spread the simple message WASH YOUR HANDS and help people find out more about healthcare associated infections.

More than 200 people turned up to an event in Gravesend and another big crowd was expected at today's show in Dartford.

Mr Collins, who is also director of nursing at the trust, said: "GPs, practice nurses, care homes and community hospitals use standard infection control and prevention techniques."

"The most important is washing hands and



using alcohol gel.

"People should wash them at home, especially before eating and preparing food."

"Check your healthcare professional has washed their hands first, if you've been sick or had diarrhoea do not visit loved ones and follow doctor's instructions about antibiotics."

He said his team at the PCT has been using epidemiology, which is the study of how disease occurs in different groups and why, in order to plan how infections could occur and how to fight them in the future.

This includes surveillance of bugs that are emerging as possible threats, he said.

GRE (glycopeptide-resistant enterococci), which can cause urinary tract, blood stream and wound infections, is among the bacterium Mr Collins is "keeping an eye on".

The number of infections of GRE in the PCT's area remains low but board members are kept up to date monthly on such emerging infections, he said.

Steno (stronotrophomonas maltophilia) is another such infection. In the six months up to March this year Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust reported six cases and a similar number were found at the Maidstone trust.

The bacterium can pose a threat if it sticks to medical equipment, such as catheters, and grows into a biofilm which can enter patient's blood stream or lungs.

Pressure for homes from new migrants

TOWNS in the county will have to squeeze in thousands more homes for migrants in the coming years, according to new figures.

Government predictions say 36,000 people will arrive in the South East needing accommodation each year up to 2029.

The figure covers Kent, Sussex and parts of Essex and was released by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

It is a revised estimate after initial calculations made four years ago were viewed as too low.

Impact

The study also concludes that the South East will be a more likely destination than London for newcomers, as there will be more work available for the unskilled in areas such as agriculture, especially in the summer months.

Sir Andrew Green, of the Migrationwatch group which monitors newcomers to the UK, said: "This underlines the massive impact immigration is having throughout the country."

"The effect of immigration on housing demand is an aspect which the Government does its best to play down."

The figures also predict that one third of new households across the country will be formed by new immigrants.

But critics of the Government still say this is an underestimate and put the figure at nearer 40 per cent.

PART TO PLAY: Barrie Collins, director of infection control at West Kent Primary Care Trust, says patients and visitors are part of the fight against superbugs

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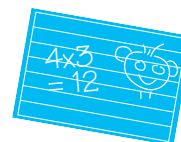
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Medway pupils had a high old time in Bude



Going to extremes on great adventure

ENERGETIC youngsters from two Medway primary schools took on a host of outdoor challenges during an exciting break in Cornwall.

More than 90 Year 5 pupils from Featherby and Balfour junior schools tried their hand at extreme sports during their stay at the Adventure International Centre in Bude, ranging from water sports to climbing.

The 10-year-olds also abseiled a 140ft cliff, went surfing, mountain-boarding, caving and kayaking.

The trips were headed by head teacher Paul Green, who led Balfour pupils to Bude prior to his appointment at Featherby.

He said: "The week proved a tremendous success and is something both schools consider worthwhile in developing team-building, strength of character and general camaraderie."

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An inspector calls to say you have a terrific school

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

CUXTON Community Infant School is within touching distance of the much-coveted 'outstanding' rating, according to Ofsted inspectors.

The Bush Road school, which has 107 four to seven-year-olds on its rolls, received a level two 'good' grade in the inspection report. However, several features were singled out as top of the scale.

Ofsted's Carole Skinner wrote: "This is a good school where pupils achieve well and feel very safe and happy."

"It has some outstanding features, notably the way it cares for and nurtures its pupils so that they grow in confidence and self-esteem."

"Consistently good leadership and management ensure that the school is well equipped to continue this upward trend."

"Exceptionally good leadership of literacy has had a significant impact on the quality of pupils' learning."

"School leaders are aware, nevertheless, that there is still room for improvement."

"The quality of teaching and learning is good, and some lessons are outstanding, but rigorous monitoring of lessons and pupils' work has highlighted a few inconsistencies in teachers' expectations of what pupils are able to achieve."

Mrs Skinner and her team found that parents greatly value the school's welcoming ethos and the fact that teachers know every child personally.

One parent was quoted as saying: "My daughter is continuing to thrive under the teaching and care of the staff, who are approachable and friendly."

Pupils develop very good relationships and



WELL DONE: There's clearly plenty to shout about at Cuxton Community Infant School after a fine Ofsted report

social skills, the report states, which are enhanced by the school's excellent links with the community.

Head teacher Sandra Jones said: "I'm delighted to see that the commitment, dedication and teamwork of all members of the school community have been reflected in this excellent report."

"We are continuing to drive for high standards for all our pupils, placing the school at the centre of our community."

Children's services boss Les Wicks said: "I'm very pleased to note the inspectors' report shows what a good school Cuxton Community

is. Clearly all the teachers and support staff are very committed to giving their pupils the very best education and are achieving excellent results."

"Pupils and parents play their part in response and hold the school in high regard."

Children's services director Rose Collinson said: "My congratulations to all at the school."

"The inspectors are right to recognise the way in which the head teacher and her team work together to make sure children enjoy and do well in their learning and thrive and blossom academically and personally."

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2007 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen was the winner of last year's race in his Ferrari, beating the McLaren pairing of Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. This year Hamilton will be looking to join the elite of British drivers to win in front of the home crowd including Sterling Moss, Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell and Damon Hill.

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'Who ate all the paella' just doesn't sound the same ...

WITH no England – or any other home country for that matter – involved in the upcoming Euro 2008 tournament, for fans like me the question is: who to support?

I could go with the team that plays the best football, one with players from my favourite club, or just the one with the smartest kit.

One thing which makes for a fun summer of football is when England face a mighty match-up. This is all down to the support of a team, which is a necessity in football more than any other sport.

So while other countries might be pleased that we aren't there, I'm not.

And to make what could be a very dull tournament into something interesting, I'm going to look at some alternatives to the leading sides.

Who do I start to support and claim in some tenuous fashion to have followed all my footballing life?

Switzerland are co-hosts, so for them to do

well will make for a better championship, and the same is true of Austria.

But they are both so dull. What's the betting 1-1 is the most popular score for the Swiss as they sneak into round two on goal difference?

Portugal are a good side and Cristiano Ronaldo is superb, as he showed last week in the Champions League final in what must be one of the most thrilling matches ever – Chelsea versus Manchester United in Moscow. But the very fact that he does play for United rules him and his nation out for me.

The Czechs are always a good 'dark horse', as BBC pundit and pretend England fan Alan Hansen would put it as he pushed his trolley around Morrison's. I remember them winning in 1976 and loving it.

Pavel Nedved, a favourite of Pele, is a genius, a star for Juventus ... and now retired from international football. Damn. But they have a great goalkeeper in Petr Cech, and he does play for Chelsea. Which could be a bad thing.

Croatia? They knocked us out and, although we were rubbish, I still hold it against them.

Holland are always a favourite for neutrals, but they always tend to implode in recriminations and moaning.

France. Multicultural and attacking, but the arrogance is beyond belief. Never back a Frenchman at anything – that's my motto and I'm sticking by it.

Italy. Their league is a fix and for all their talent I cannot abide the whining and histrionics. They think they're better than they are (a bit like us, but we've learned our lesson).

"Perennial under-achievers" Spain have a lot to answer for when it comes to paella – who thought of that? – so will not be getting my vote.

And finally Germany. Can an Englishman ever support them? The answer is no. Never.

So there's the solution – I shall support whoever Germany play. Because I fear they might well be good enough to go all the way.

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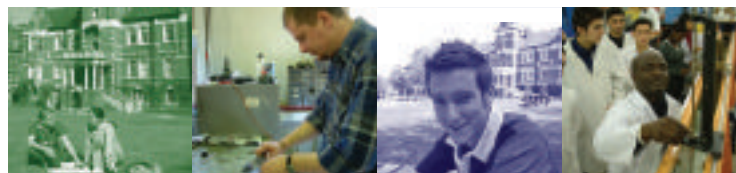


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TALK TIME

BILL JONES

Talks about his work as an environmental officer at the nature reserve next to Kingsnorth Power Station



Tell us a little about yourself.

My official title is environmental initiatives officer, which means I run and develop the nature reserve, which is located next to Kingsnorth Power Station on the Hoo Peninsula.

I have been there for more than 30 years nurturing, recording and preserving everything that lives and grows on the reserve. At the last count 200 species of birds and 75 types of fish, as well as seals, crabs and foxes live next to the power station at some point or other during the year.

What are your responsibilities at Kingsnorth?

A large part of my job involves conserving what we already have on site. There are acres of marsh and grassland in the nature reserve and it is my job to look after it. It is a vast natural habitat containing species of all shapes and sizes, and I help by building riverbanks, freshwater ponds, reed beds, nature trails and hides among other things. I aim to preserve what we already have and try to create new habitats to perhaps attract new species.

Another major element of my job is hosting visitors and tour parties to the nature reserve. We get about 2,000 people visiting every year from primary school children through to A-level students.

What's the best part of your job?

I have been a nature lover all my life. Some of my fondest memories as a youngster were foraging on Salisbury Plains and I have always had a passion for all wildlife. To be able to do this as my everyday job is a real treat. I thoroughly enjoy being outside in the reserve and I also love being able to pass on the knowledge that I have picked up over the years. I particularly like working with children and in my opinion the best way for youngsters to learn is by getting their hands dirty. They need to see the creatures up close and handle them where appropriate.

YOUR LETTERS



Cool look for police with new tops

After seeing the picture of the new police uniforms on the front page of Yourmedway last week, I thought I'd email and say that I think the new police and police community support officer tops are really cool.

Gives them a really modern up-to-date look.

Tina Blackman
By email

Don't use hospital - experience dreadful

It's a great shame that Hospital bosses have reduced stocking death rates) came too late for my dear brother-in-law, who died in 2005 after a 'routine' operation. The treatment for lack of was done at this hospital and the night he died.

My stay in hospital was very good

With reference to 'Don't use hospital - experience dreadful' (Yourmedway letters issue



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number 37), on December 11 I was taken to A&E at Medway Maritime Hospital, where it was discovered that my abdominal

aortic aneurysm was leaking. I was taken to the observation ward and later that day I had an operation to repair it. I then

spent some time in the intensive care unit.

I just want to say the treatment I received in each department was very good, the staff, surgeon and his team were courteous and extremely caring.

Mr J A Baker
Strood



Don't make us spy on our neighbours

Why do the councils give these so-called benefits if the system is easy to defraud? Change your ways council. To get neighbours to act as spies is wrong. What a society good old England is. No wonder nobody trusts anyone today.

Once again, well done councils. You know you have people where you want them.

Name and address withheld at request of correspondent

Orwellian tactics could be answer

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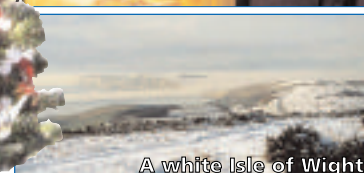
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We need a mass movement by taxpayers to stop political parties from cheating us of economic stability, and therefore social and family stability.

I do not trust more than one or two politicians, any more than I trust the BBC to give us unbiased news.

It does not even provide us with genuine local news or being as selective as print journalists – perhaps the fact is that busy churnalists rely on regurgitating news agency reports than in engaging with taxpayers who are feeling the pain of becoming Citizen Serfs.

I suggest all forms of government lose their pension privileges and incentive payments.

They must revert to public servant status and stop milking the taxpayer-cash cow. Ditto political parties – now that is un-Orwellian but would bring us relief and natural justice.

Rita Grootendorst
By email



Draconian parking keeps visitors away

I hate to say it but the Rough Guide to England calling Chatham a "rather grim place" (Yourmedway

May 14) is true.

I have also often heard it said that if Kent is the Garden of England then Medway is the compost heap.

This is a very sad statement and should be put right. Medway has a lot going for it but people are not encouraged to visit here.

We need people from other towns to come here and stay for the day or even weekends. How are we going to encourage people to come here?

By public transport, but that's too expensive and unreliable. Walking or cycling, that might be an option but would not attract many. By river, but there isn't a boat service so the only real way is by car.

People won't come to Medway by car, though, because of the Draconian parking restrictions.

It would be too costly to park all day and if a person forgot the time, they would be fined. It has happened so many times that people avoid Medway.

Come on Medway council, give at least up to four hours free parking for shoppers and visitors and let's get rid of the "rather grim place" and the compost heap tags that Medway has got and let's make this an ideal place for people to come to.

Peter Nassan
Chatham

Research into ME is desperately needed

I'm sorry Susannah has ME and hope she makes a full recovery. I have had severe ME for 20 years. In that time not one penny of government money has been spent on biomedical research despite the fact that the World Health Organisation has classified ME as a

neurological illness since 1969.

ME has been proven to be both genetic and viral in origin, yet the only treatments we are offered are the graded exercise and cognitive behaviour therapies that make us worse. We get no physical tests or antivirals.

H Patten, Frome, Somerset, comment posted on web story on www.yourmedway.co.uk

Global warming must be tackled urgently

The main causes for global warming have almost certainly been over-exploitation of the world's resources by an expanding population since the beginning of the last century.

Efforts to reverse the extravagant burning of fossil fuels and reduction of forestry resulting in an increase of CO2 in our atmosphere must be subject to international control.

Surely it can't be too long before the delicate balance between excessive carbon production, to which we all contribute, and the volume of oxygen normally regenerated by the natural process of photosynthesis goes into reverse. Remember the dinosaurs?

Asking individuals to cut back on domestic gas, electricity and oil use is really a cop-out, especially as the fuel suppliers and politicians will almost certainly hike the price to consumers when they realise profits and revenues have taken a dive.

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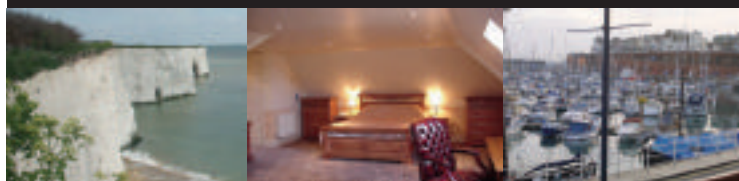
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Paul Daniels joins variety show

MAGIC seems to be enjoying a comeback, but Paul Daniels has little time for the new breed of magicians.

In fact he believes entertainers, such as enigmatic David Blaine, have added very little to the genre.

"It's not different," he said. "There's this myth that if you wear different gear, you're cool. If you go back 45 years, I had long hair and wore black. A new generation grew up and they think they're being different. My mum is wearing shoes she bought 40 years ago and now they're back in fashion."

Having presented his own BBC magic show for 15 years and enjoyed a successful live career to date, Daniels is looking forward to joining the line-up of the Best of British Variety Tour. For him it will be a welcome return to the old days of variety.

"When my aunty was in show business, they would work with lots of different acts," he said. "When this job came in I immediately said 'yes'. Last week I met a few of the other performers and we spent two days laughing. They're all professionals, yet for years on TV we've seen amateurs performing badly and Simon Cowell slagging them off. What's all that about?"

Daniels, 70, certainly started to learn his craft early. He was born in South Bank, Cleveland, and already had the theatre in his blood as his parents owned the local Hippodrome. The discovery of a book about party tricks at the age of 11 introduced him to magic and he never looked back.

Fate intervened when he landed a summer season in Newquay in 1969, resulting in Daniels achieving his childhood dream of becoming a professional magician. He had already established a busy live schedule in the UK and abroad when he was asked to appear on Granada TV, launching his television career.

The Paul Daniels Magic Show became a staple of the BBC's entertainment programming from 1979 to 1994 and also branching out into game shows and children's TV. But old-school variety shows appeared to become unfashionable.

No longer being a primetime television entertainer has advantages, as Daniels has found. These include the freedom to accept long-term contracts abroad and spend his time on stage, where he is most relaxed.

Daniels has however appeared on a number of reality shows including Celebrity Big Brother, The Farm and X Factor, Battle of the Stars, in which Daniels and his wife - 'the lovely Debbie McGee' - were voted off first.

"My job in showbiz is to cover as vast a range of it as I can," he said. "People forget I have to make a living."

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LEE EVANS

Monday, June 30
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

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With a total of 300,000 tickets available, this current jaunt will be not only be Lee's largest tour to date but will make history by including the first comedy gig at London's O2 Arena.

The manic hyperactive comedian has been a hit with TV audiences but his best work remains on the stage – where his energy and delivery are renowned across the live circuit.



He said: "I'm really keen to get back out on tour again and go all around the country."

"You get such a buzz from the live audience, the reactions are just so immediate and totally spur you on. There's nothing else quite like it."

"Being the first comedian to play at the O2 Arena will be amazing."

"I'm so excited to be able to perform – sure there is a big space to fill but I love a challenge!"

Tickets for Lee's Canterbury appearance are on sale now priced £27.50 but are selling fast.

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FUSE FESTIVAL

Saturday May 31 for
two weeks until June 14
Various locations around Medway

STREET performers will hit Medway's high streets on Saturday as the 15-day Fuse Festival gets under way.

A variety of theatre troupes, cabaret acts, dance groups and musicians have been lined up to perform during the extravaganza, which runs until Saturday, June 14.

Festival manager Kate Hazel said this year's Fuse line-up would give young-

sters and adults alike the chance to get more involved than ever. She said: "We will be running as many creative workshops as possible."

"We want to give people the opportunity to get their hands dirty and learn some of the basics behind the performances."

Throughout the festival Medway's open spaces will buzz with the sights and sounds of some of the newest and most unusual performers from across the region.

Community services boss councillor Howard Doe welcomed the festival's return,

saying the event's daring and diverse ethos was great for the area.

He said: "The area's recent cultural heritage is rich with great artists, writers and live performers and Medway Council is committed to supporting new and developing creative communities locally, as well as bringing in great acts from outside."

"It all adds up to two weeks of fantastic entertainment for Medway."

Following the success of last year's pricing structure, ticket will be subsidised, with many free events.

LETZ ZEP

Saturday, June 14
Folkestone Leas Cliff Hall

ROCK heavyweights Led Zeppelin continue to be one of the most popular bands around, as their recent reunion show demonstrated.

And for those who couldn't get to the London shows the next best thing is available at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall.

Letz Zep were once on the receiving end of the ultimate complement from Zep front man Robert Plant, who said in an interview "I walked in, I saw me" when he first saw the tribute band in action. The group were also asked to do a show at the launch of the recent Led Zeppelin compilation cd Mothership.

A spokesman for the band said: "Letz Zep is not an exercise in nostalgia, but a heart rendering shout against mediocrity and forgetfulness, faithfully recreating the sights and sounds of the band at their awesome best."

"From the classics Stairway to Heaven and Rock and Roll to the gentle Going to California and the haunting Kashmir a show by Letz Zep portrays the entire scope of the music of Led Zeppelin – who remain the most influential and iconic rock band of all time."

Tickets for the show are priced £17.50.



MEDWAY LEISURE

Join the club for some quick fire laughter

MEDWAY Comedy Club takes to the stage at the Brook Theatre in Chatham on Monday with a special preview night of attractions which will be at the upcoming Edinburgh Festival.

Headlining is Stephen Grant, who is renowned for his quick fire wit and observational skills. He has also written for Radio 1's Scott Mills show and performers as diverse as Lily Savage and S-Club 7.

The event starts at 8.45pm and tickets cost £7, with £1 off for Medway Comedy Club members.

Theatre company stick their neck out for play

THE Blunderbus Theatre Company presents children's play Giraffes Can't Dance at Strood Library on Sunday.

Described as a "funny, touching and triumphant story", it has been written especially for children aged four to seven-year-olds. Tickets are £4.

The force is with this children's fairy tale

SPOTLIGHTS Theatre Company is well known for its interactive productions and the latest one to be staged on Sunday, June 8, is an amalgamation of the original Star Wars film and the fairy tale Rapunzel.

Rapunzel – May The Force Be With You! will be staged at the Kings Theatre in Chatham at 2pm. It features evil Dark Vadoria battling Duke Skylord, who wants to get the heroine away from the peril posed by an ancient rocket ship.

Children will have the chance to go on stage and battle the main characters. Tickets are £5.50 or £16 for a family.

Trio to jazz up some classical compositions

JAZZ fans can enjoy an evening of quality musicianship featuring unusual takes on classic compositions when The David Rees-Williams Trio perform.

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On Thursdays there is live music and Sundays are quiz nights.

In the extensive gardens there is a smoking area that remains away from outside diners, all with heating.

"We can cater for small or large groups," said Nigel.

"The pub attracts a large hiking fraternity and they regularly take tables for 20 to 30 people wanting to eat and drink after a long walk around the spectacular countryside."

The See Ho is open from 11am until 3pm then 6pm until 11pm.

The couple try as far as possible to source as much of their food locally and, when in season, Wendy said the most popular dishes selected from the menu are home made rabbit pie, home made steak and ale pie, rib eye steak, fillet steak and lamb shank.



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In addition to our regular clientele, we are always attracting a wide range of customers to sample our comfortable atmosphere, incredible facilities, and great service. Not to mention the food."

Top dishes at the moment include sizzling chicken, made with pieces of chicken, sliced onion, Worcester sauce, peppers and fresh garlic.

Another favourite is Marisa chicken, made with fresh chilli, Taba chicken, garlic herb yoghurt and special spices.

Situated opposite Gillingham railway station, Spice Court is just off Gillingham High Street, meaning customers have ease of access, especially after a hard day shopping or



even just sampling the street market.

The restaurant boasts a modern and trendy setting with both modern British and Indian artwork.

The floor is separated into smoking and non-smoking areas for the comfort of customers.

All areas are fully air-conditioned to put you at ease. A romantic setting is provided with low lights, a candle and of course flowers provided.

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The ambassador recommends

Pad Thai

FOUND in the High Street, West Malling, Pad Thai has one of the ultimate accolades in its particular style of cuisine.

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But it has received other – stranger – praise. One customer asked to lick the plate clean while another ordered a takeout to be flown on an aircraft with him on the 7hr 45min flight from London to New York.

Manta Maythachatchaval explained how the restaurant has got its reputation: "The building is one of the oldest in the area and provides a charming backdrop to an impressive array of dishes. These are cooked using organic, free-range ingredients wherever possible, with the herbs coming direct from Thailand.

"My head chef Nui has been with me for 12 years and follows my direction



with finesse and commitment. We emphasise consistency and attention to detail with the quality of food combined with our service priority. This means the ambience will be there."

Their best-selling dish is a signature creation of pad Thai noodles with bean sprouts and egg served with crushed peanuts and accompanied by prawns or chicken – or left on its own.

The restaurant is open from Tuesday to Sunday for lunch from noon until 2.30pm and for dinner from 5.30pm until 10.30pm, although sometimes closing times vary. Pad Thai is closed on Mondays.



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The See Ho

Pate with salad and garnish, prawn cocktail, garlic mushrooms, soup are all good starters. Main choices include rib eye steak, fillet steak, minted lamb shank and fresh fish. For dessert try poached pear, apple and blackcurrant pie or lemon meringue.

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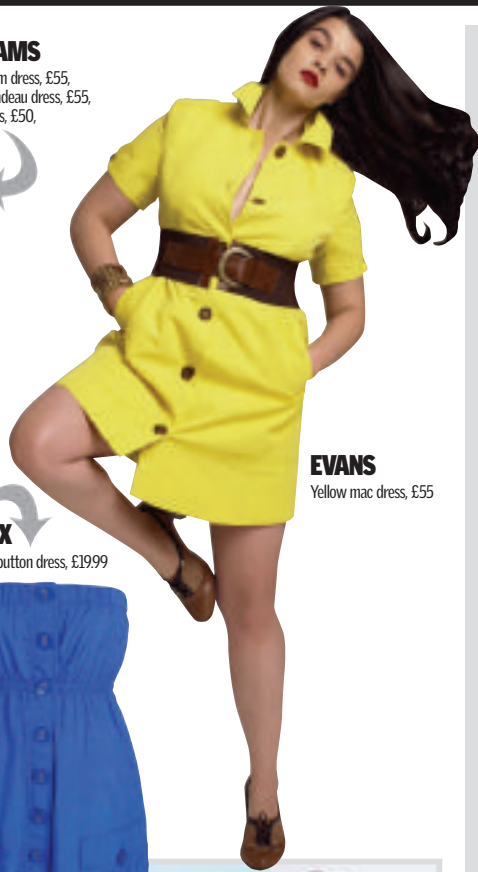
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For more details log on to www.newlook.co.uk or see in-store.

Green-fingered fathers will love growing gift

BOOTS has picked the perfect gift for dads with green fingers or just a taste for the good life.

The stores at Chatham's Pentagon Centre, Gillingham and Rochester high streets, Hempstead Valley and Rainham Shopping Centre have a special Father's Day range which includes an 'Adopt a vine' gift pack for £29.99, or for a dad who can take the heat, a 'Grow it Chilli Plants' kit for £12.50.

For more information see in-store or visit www.boots.com.

Buy a bar or two of treats from the hotel

HOTEL Chocolat has some delicious ideas for Father's Day gifts to satisfy even the sweetest tooth.

The array of treats at the stores at Fremlin Walk in Maidstone and at Bluewater includes the 'Seriously Dark Fix selection' at £17.50, 'Collection of the Season' for £26 or the 'Purist bar' - organic dark chocolate for £4.50.

For dads who like their chocolate a little lighter there is 'Milk Oblivion' at £17.50 or the 'Discovery Bag' for £16.

For more information see in-store.

It's never too early to prepare for Dad's Day

WITH Father's Day less than a month away House of Fraser has a number of products to make the day extra special.

The department stores at Fremlin Walk in Maidstone and at Bluewater are offering its customers a range of items fit for the modern man, including a Hugo Boss wallet and key ring set for £60, Linea 25 piece tool kit for £12.50, cufflinks from £10 and fragrances from £20.

Father's Day is on June 15. For more information see in store.

Ruffle some feathers with discount clothing

A CLOTHES shop has slashed the prices of many of its best-selling items.

Peacocks at Chatham's Pentagon Centre and Gillingham High Street is offering up to 50 per cent off 15 pieces in its current range.

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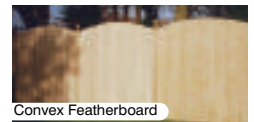
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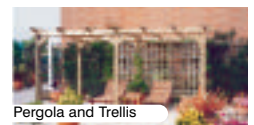


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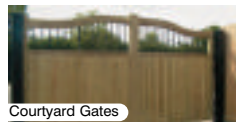


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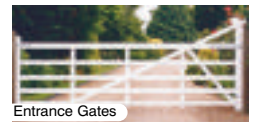


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YOUR TV REVIEW

HOW TO LOOK GOOD NAKED
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THE INVISIBLES
BBC1, 9pm, Thursday

■ BY TOM BETTS

LIVING with two women is hard.

I can't walk through the living room without tripping over bowls of strange smelling bits of twig and dried plants these days and the fridge is full of green stuff and something called 'housemoss' most of the time.

As well as I deal with these huge hurdles life throws at me, for a telly-obsessive it's really the Tuesday night TV stranglehold by the two women in my life that grates the most.

For Tuesday night is Gok Wan night. My two pheromone-crazed flatmates each get stuck into a bowl of ice cream and titter bewilderingly at everything the body-obsessed presenter says.

A big favourite seems to be his penchant for calling breasts "bangers".

The Gok Wan reign of terror started with the same show that he still fronts, that is *How to Look Good Naked*.

Currently ruining an hour of men's Tuesday nights across the country, Wan finds a dowdy looking woman each week and subjects them to all manner of insults and advice before cutting off most of their hair, dressing them up in whatever he deems worthy and then stripping them naked in front of a crowd of Bluewater shopper types.

It's basically like a issue of *Heat* magazine shoved up on the screen to fill lifestyle-shaped hole left in the schedules by Trinnie and Susannah.

Gok, bespectacled and ready for a few weeks annoying sales assistants everywhere, sets about turning a beast into a beauty.

It's all very Pygmalion.

The man has become to High Street



FASHION GURU: Gok Wan, causing a stir as host of Channel 4's *How to Look Good Naked*

fashion what Laurence Llewyn-Bowen is to frilly velvet suits.

Not something I've found exhilarating myself, but lord knows I've tried.

I've had to.

Another thing I've tried getting excited about crime caper serial *The Invisibles*, but my it's tough.

When the main cast are the kind of nearly men on display here (that fella from the Gold Blend adverts, thingy-bob from Dalziel and Pascoe, and others) it's hardly surprising.

The Beeb's latest attempt to get middle-aged men engaged in something other than sport is drawing in some good viewing figures though and may become a regular fixture on screens.

Tune-in if you liked the latter series of *Auf Weidersen Pet*, couple with a bumbling bunch of down-on-their-luck old thieves.

If nothing else it will give you a break from Gok Mania.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

TAKE a flirt's comments with a dose of salt. They are far more harmless than they appear. If you feel as though these remarks border on harassment, put your complaint in writing and hand it to the proper authorities. In situations like this, it's always good to have an official record.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

BEWARE of being too domineering. If someone you love proposes a fun outing, accept immediately. Your ability to abandon work for fun will make a tremendous difference to your relationship. An authority figure may not be very clear about what they need.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR idealism is the most attractive thing about you. Refuse to give in when everybody else is ready to abandon ship. Someone you once idealised is getting on your nerves. Maybe this is because you've placed unrealistic expectations on their shoulders. Try to ease up a bit.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

THE terms of an agreement may not be settled for a long while. Save yourself a lot of heartache by putting this issue on the backburner. An old love could try to make their way into your life again. Some fundamental problems remain between the two of you. Resolve them first.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

THIS isn't the best time to make changes to your household. Keep any alterations at the planning stage until next month, when your mind and heart will be working in sync. A recurring dream could tell you to start work on a creative project you abandoned some time ago.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR powers of attraction have never been stronger. If you've got your eye on someone special, now is the time to make your move. A forbidding relative may not approve of your flirtatious behaviour. Don't be so quick to dismiss their concerns, it might be worth its weight in gold.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THIS is not the best time to plan a career move. An attractive position may not be all that it seems. A prominent organisation could try to woo you away from your current employer. Always remember to be gracious when accepting praise. Brushing off compliments can be hurtful.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

AVOID making any promises, or you'll have to go back on your word. It's better to adopt a wait and see approach. Don't let anyone woo you into an arrangement you'll later regret. An overbearing authority figure may give you more work than you can handle.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

THIS week you'll notice others being much more receptive to you. Perhaps this is because you've learned to temper your opinions with an element of humour and get your ideas across without causing offence. Take care to show respect for your peers, even when you disagree.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

BEING with loved ones gives you lots of pleasure. They appreciate your caring, efficient ways, but may not act thankful at first. An older man may disapprove of the way you stick up for an underdog. Turn a deaf ear to his nagging complaints. Following your heart is a good strategy.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT may be necessary to revise some opinions. This ability to accept change boosts your reputation among former rivals. Thankfully, you've always trusted your head over your heart. Taking the logical path comes naturally. Nagging doubts could prevent you from taking a trip.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A PROJECT will undergo many changes before it is finished, so be patient. Adopt an air of detachment whenever you're asked to change this job. Pay no attention to an older colleague who thinks you're not giving this assignment the respect it is due.

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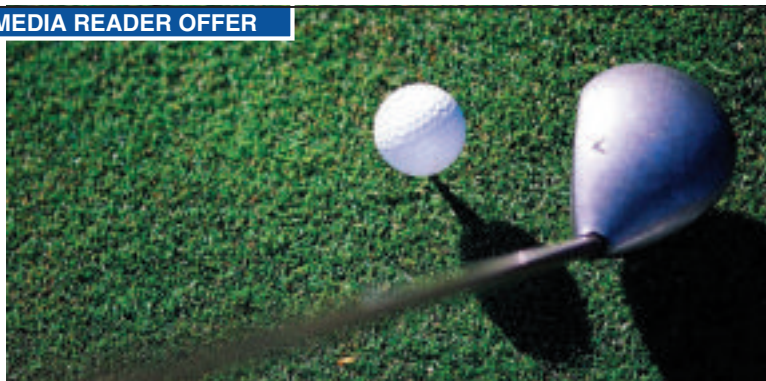
Golf's best known names including last year's victor Padraig Harrington* will descend on Royal Birkdale, one of Britain's finest golf clubs. Having previously hosted two Ryder Cups, the Walker and Curtis Cups, the Women's British Open and, on eight occasions, the Open, Royal Birkdale is the perfect setting for the Open this summer.

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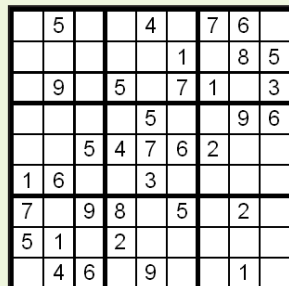
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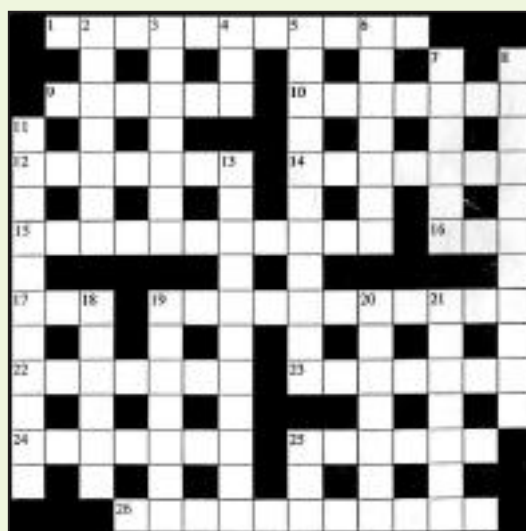
ACROSS

- 1 Ready to become ice and preserve food (5-6)
- 9 Dance cut, a puzzle (6)
- 10 It was a wonder the gardens were suspended here (7)
- 12 Made one provided nudie outside came to grief (7)
- 14 Embarrassed with wick that had been shortened by bureaucracy (3,4)
- 15 Weeping, pity it's a shocking thing (6,5)
- 16 Head spinner (3)
- 17 Lady finished in Florida (3)
- 19 Apply weight on office of news gatherer (5,6)
- 22 Lady to tie Alan in knots (7)
- 23 Instrument comes to nothing back on glacial ridge (7)
- 24 Most desirable plot I am cultivating (7)
- 25 Administration of incomplete diet (6)
- 26 Ancestor reprocessed material (11)

DOWN

- 2 Room for public service? (7)
- 3 It is not hard to find it in a chair (7)
- 4 Hardly any iron and tungsten (3)
- 5 Ashamed to be in financial difficulties (11)
- 6 Be embraced by last character with ease, say, one in New Testament (7)
- 7 One in factory is flexible (6)
- 8 Not giving enough money to Ray upending explosively (11)
- 11 Meeting-place with TV is an earthed enclosure (8,3)
- 13 Unkempt devils he led astray! (11)
- 18 Part of a vast utensil it is shrewd to have (6)
- 19 Parrot reportedly more than half merry with starch! (7)
- 20 Grievances when gas initially surged out of control (7)
- 21 Lily, boss following Leonard up (7)
- 25 Old bird in a flock! (3)

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ACROSS

- 1 Proposals offered as a whole (7,4)
- 9 Vibrate (6)
- 10 Remove protection (7)
- 12 Not matched (7)
- 14 Legal action (7)
- 15 Not long ago (3,5,3)
- 16 Dried grass (3)
- 17 Coal-scuttle (3)
- 19 Of equal duration (11)
- 22 Fairly large (7)
- 23 Sharp bend (7)
- 24 Tailless feline (4,3)
- 25 Showy flower (6)
- 26 Chill food (11)

DOWN

- 2 Accomplish (7)
- 3 Kind of orange (7)
- 4 Effigy (3)
- 5 Gibberish (6,5)
- 6 Vaulted passage (7)
- 7 Guarantee (6)
- 8 Considerable sum of money (6,5)
- 11 Exactly identical (4,3,4)
- 13 Elect editor (anag.) (3,8)
- 18 Nodding off (6)
- 19 Dressing compartment (7)
- 20 Therein (anag.) (7)
- 21 Impress (7)
- 25 Excavate (3)

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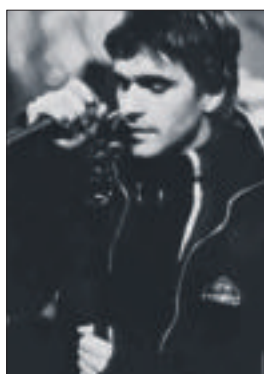
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The other players then take it in turns to reminisce, offering gems such as: "Mansun! They were great. I think the singer's now an estate agent", or words to that effect.

With "Whatever happened to..?" in mind, I give you news on ex-indie greats Idlewild and

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Mark Morriss, frontman of pop/rock outfit The Bluetones. Having faded into relative obscurity since their heady '90s highs, both acts have secured headline slots at next month's two-day Sellindge Music Festival.

Scottish rockers Idlewild, famed for hits such as *When I Argue I See Shapes*, *These Wooden Ideas* and *You Held the World in Your Arms*, will play on Saturday, June 7, after performances from The Hair, Marner Brown and Syd Arthur.

Mark Morriss, who penned tracks such as *Slight Return*, *Cut Some Rug* and *Solomon Bites the Worm*, will take to the stage the following night. More than 60 acts will perform at the Hope Farm weekender in Ashford, which

promises an airing for the best in folk, dance, indie and world music. A festival spokesman said: "Sellindge music festival doesn't intend to copy. It doesn't intend to follow. We expect to lead."

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"We hope music fans make it to Hope Farm to what promises to be one rather large weekend."

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INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (12A)



The most eagerly anticipated film of the summer is a glorious nostalgia trip and delivers adrenaline-pumping thrills interspersed with smart one-liners during the action sequences. But the hocus pocus storyline is both gossamer thin and preposterous. Indy's latest outing is half the film it could have been.

CASSANDRA'S DREAM (12A)



Woody Allen's latest offering is a nightmare, especially for leading men Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell, who wrestle with hysterically strained London accents, clumsy dialogue, ludicrous plotting and a complete lack of dramatic tension.

CARAMEL (PG)



Deliciously sweet melodrama revolving around Beirut beauty salon Si Belle, which provides a focal point for gossiping local women as they search for love and fulfilment. The film casts a warm glow as the characters take comfort in sisterly solidarity.

'Lucky' Peter finds ideal leading man - himself

BY KATE WHITING

DIRECTOR Peter Howitt thinks he's the luckiest man alive - after becoming a father for the second time and releasing a film which he wrote, directed and stars in.

Besides the phenomenal success of his writing and directorial debut Sliding Doors, the Manchester-born star is still probably best known in the UK for his turn as Joey Boswell in 80s TV sitcom Bread.

In the 20 years since the Liverpool-based series came to an end, he has made the leap from actor to director and worked with a string of Hollywood A-listers, including Gwyneth Paltrow and Pierce Brosnan.

But his latest film, Dangerous Parking, came about from the need to "give himself a kick up the backside".

"One weekend back in May 2004, I was sitting in my office in Vancouver and I was a bit fed up because a film I'd made, Laws Of Attraction, hadn't done very well.

"I wasn't disappointed by that, because it didn't bother me, but I didn't like the fact that it didn't bother me. So I started questioning myself.

"I thought, 'What kind of film-maker are you? Or are you even a film-maker? Are you just the bloke who made Sliding Doors and then got to make loads of other films because that put you on a red carpet ride?'"

During this internal dressing down, Howitt spotted a book on his desk called Dangerous Parking, by Stuart Browne, which he'd read on the flight from London back to his home in Canada after making Laws Of Attraction.

The semi-autobiographical novel follows the exploits of alcoholic independent film-maker Noah Arkwright, who battles his addictions to sex, drugs and alcohol, until his life takes a more tragic turn.

"It's very visceral, moving, anarchic and very real, and it's got my kind of dark, edgy

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humour," he says. "But it's all over the place, like a fragmented memory. There's no chronology to it - it's like a projectile vomit of a life.

"It's a fantastic read, but I didn't think you could make a film out of it. It's too unapologetic and too raw."

He opened the book again and discovered that on the plane he had written 'start here' on page 69. He wrote about 10 pages that day.

Five days later he had an entire screenplay and then, with a positive response from his film-making partner, he began the lengthy process of finding funding, and a cast and crew, to make the movie.

Eventually Howitt had to resort to unorthodox means to get the film made. They sold 'shares' in the film and managed to recruit a crew and cast, including Saffron Burrows and Sean Pertwee, for nothing or a deferred fee.

And then, just weeks before filming, his lead actor dropped out and Howitt found himself standing in as Noah.

He said: "This film rises or falls on who plays Noah, so in the end I played the lead role as well. I guess that was the way it was meant to



BACK TO FRONT: Director Peter Howitt found himself on both sides of the camera in his film Dangerous Parking. I'm more proud of this film than anything I've ever done in my life - apart from creating my two children."



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So much to see and do

■ BY JEREMY GATES

FOR an old girl in sight of her 60th birthday, the Cornish Belle chugged into Falmouth Harbour at such a lively pace that squawking seagulls wisely kept their distance.

"This is the largest natural bay in the world after Sydney," boomed the commentary.

A £7 return ticket took us on the voyage from the waterside pub at Tolverne – still a place of pilgrimage for Americans because thousands of US troops set sail from here for the Normandy landings in 1944 – and down the drizzly estuary of the Carrick Roads.

The pubs on Falmouth's seafloor, I imagine, have changed little since the brave Yanks sailed by.

Then it was back on board for our return to Tolverne – and possibly a cream tea at the Smugglers Cottage, a 15th century inn, with rosettes from both Les Routiers and Egon Ronay, if we felt peckish at the end of the voyage.

With the A30 now dual carriage-way all the way west to Indian Queens, and low-cost flights into



FAMILY ATTRACTIONS: The Lizard is one of the many beautiful spots in Cornwall

Newquay from Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow, Newcastle, Cardiff, and Cork (a new service from Birmingham starts at £16.79p single, plus taxes), Cornwall is nearer than ever before.

Our base for the week was the village of Devoran, just off the A39 south of Truro. The Sail Loft, which probably hummed with skilled craftsmen a century ago, has been converted into a three-bedroom home with a massive living

room/kitchen area at first-floor level, beneath a vaulted ceiling.

The location, at one end of a sleepy village where the only shop opened on Monday afternoons, was perfect for a restful week.

Barely a hundred yards away, up a slope which seemed more challenging on the return leg in the dark, was The Old Quay Inn with local ales and home-cooked meals for less than a tanner a head.

In the daylight, climbing the

lanes of Devoran made a perfect stroll in a setting reminiscent of the Welsh valleys.

Within a dozen miles of the village, there's plenty to see and do. Around the corner are the magnificent gardens of Trellissick, 370 acres of parks and woodland, crammed with rhododendrons, hydrangeas and maples.

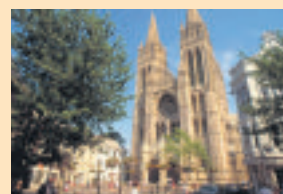
A few miles north of Devoran is the city of Truro, its splendid 'medieval' cathedral only completed in 1910 – but more ravaged by time than you might expect, because it's made of Bath stone.

As a city, Truro is fun because supermarkets are kept carefully clear of old streets and alleyways.

The city's choice of restaurants gets better all the time: try locally-sourced venison in Tabbs, the bistro-style Bustopher Jones, recently and lavishly refurbished, and Mannings in the Royal Hotel, owned by Lyn Manning, sister-in-law of late comedian Bernard.

Head south from Devoran and Falmouth becomes the gateway to The Lizard, with an intriguing array of family attractions, including the Flambards Experience, Poldark Mine and Goonhilly Satellite Earth Station Experience.

In a week, or even a fortnight, you're bound to run out of time – because there is so much to see.



Holiday details

The Sail Loft in Devoran, sleeping six, costs from £504 per week in March to £1,224 during the peak season.

Classic Cottages reservations 01326 555555 and www.classic.co.uk

• The Hotel & Extreme Academy, Watergate Bay, offers three-night short breaks with B&B, one dinner at Fifteen Cornwall, one in the hotel and lunch in the Beach hut from £145 per person. Three night self-catering breaks in adjacent apartments start at £190 per unit (no sea view) and £245 (sea view).

Reservations: 01637 860543 and www.watergatebay.co.uk

• Air Southwest operates several services into Newquay. Reservations: 0870 241 8202 and www.airsouthwest.com

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Jeremy Gates was a guest of Classic Cottages.



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PROPERTY NEWS

HIPS do help say leading agents

HOME Information Packs have received the thumbs up from one estate agents which says they speed up transactions.

The packs – detailing all aspects of a property's history and design – were introduced to speed up the home buying and selling process as well as providing consumers with a faster and more cost-effective service.

However, they have been subject to heavy criticism since they were introduced.

But Connells has said that Hips, as they are known, are effective as housing transactions are quicker.

A study by the estate agent, who tracked property sales between 2 August 2007 and 31 March 2008, established that properties with a Hip were sold twelve days faster than those without one.

Roger Wilson of Connells said having the information required for the pack available early means the transaction can start immediately.

"If for any reason the purchaser does pull out, and a new purchaser needs to join a chain of transactions, then they can catch up quickly, which can save time and money," he said.

Orders up but not all repossessions

REPOSSESSION order numbers released recently make alarming reading – but banks and building societies are keen to point out not every statistic represents a householder losing their home.

Instead they say they are always keen to try and help – as it is their interests to keep customers in their homes.

In the first three months of this year there were 27,530 repossession orders issued but not every one of these will represent a home lost.

The figures also include property owners who have negotiated a more comfortable repayment scheme.

In other cases the repossession order can act as a spur to people who have not realised how deep in difficulty they are.

Figures for last year bare this out – of 95,000 repossession orders there were actually a total of 27,100 repossessions.

In order to help the Government has pledged that there will be extra guidance from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Homebuy extension will help first-timers

BY NICK AMES

ALL first-time buyers earning less than £60,000 a year are eligible for the Government's shared ownership and shared equity schemes, which allows borrowers to part buy a property.

The Homebuy programme, which was previously only available to people considered to be "key workers", such as nurses and teachers, is intended to support first-time buyers struggling to get on the housing ladder.

The announcement came as Prime Minister Gordon Brown outlined next year's legislative programme in the House of Commons recently.

The Prime Minister also said £200 million would go towards buying new properties either for first-time buyers to purchase through the HomeBuy scheme or for social rent.

About 95,000 people have been helped on to buy a property since Homebuy began in 1997.

However, the schemes have been criticised for their inflexible rules and complex eligibility criteria.

The shared equity scheme, Open Market HomeBuy, allows buyers to take a cheap "equity loan" on part of the property and a conventional mortgage on the rest.

With this scheme, buyers can part-purchase any house instead of being restricted to a housing association's selection.

Homeowners can gradually buy more shares in the property until they buy their house outright.

The news is a bonus for first-time buyers – many of whom have been squeezed out of the mortgage market with the changes occurring in recent weeks.



HELP: Open Market Homebuy is open to any first-time buyer who earns less than £60,000 a year – it was previously just for key workers such as teachers and medical staff. Open Market allows buyers to take a cheap equity loan on part of a property

viewed by the lender as the deposit.

Melanie Bien from broker Savills said: "For the many first-time buyers struggling to raise a deposit, this is very welcome news indeed."

"The big advantage to these schemes is that no deposit is required – in the case of shared equity schemes, the equity loan is

viewed by the lender as the deposit.

"So if you have an equity loan or "deposit" of 50 per cent, you will have access to the most competitive interest rates for your mortgage."

"This is because rates will be lower if you have a very large deposit."

However, housing charity

Shelter warned that the Government will have to do more if it is serious about tackling the housing problems Britain faces now and in the future.

Adam Sampson from the charity said: "These measures are just a drop in the ocean in tackling Britain's endemic housing crisis."

"There are still 1.6 million people on council house waiting lists."

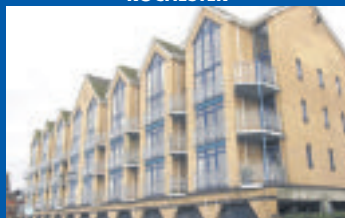
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MOTORS NEWS



Kent dealership part of Daihatsu expansion

DAIHATSU'S expanding sales have inspired the appointment of eight new dealers nationally, including one in Folkestone.

Cheriton Motor House joins the Japanese brand when its UK volume is 32 per cent up on 2007.

Daihatsu says buyers have turned to economy models such as its Materia MPV (pictured), and brand-wide five-year unlimited mileage warranty, when faced with today's higher motoring budgets.

Explaining Cheriton's adoption of Daihatsu, sales manager Dennis Podd said: "Daihatsu has long specialised in economical cars, but we were also attracted by the product quality – all Daihatsus are built in Japan itself – and the fact that the brand is backed by Toyota."



Lose two doors to save with Mazda2

ONE of the top superminis has had a price slash – but it will cost you a couple of doors.

For Mazda has followed its five-door Mazda2, with a line-up of three-door versions from a tempting £7,999 and with 1.3-litre petrol or 1.4 diesel engine – a 1.5 petrol follows in July.

Mazda's commitment to save weight – and fuel – in new generation models means that the latest Mazda2 is 100kg lighter than the previous car and caters for eco-minded buyers unwilling to give up on some style.



More fizz for Ford seven-up stars

FORD'S stylish seven-seat people carriers, the Galaxy (pictured) and S-Max, now have a sporting diesel option.

Both can be ordered with the excellent 175PS(172bhp) 2.2-litre Duratorq TDCi engine, which allows economy and full exploitation of the cars' clever mix of practicality and driver enjoyment.

Both MPVs are also offered with a new 2.0-litre 'flexi-fuel' engine capable of running on any mix of bio-ethanol and petrol in the same fuel tank, thereby lowering emissions and overall carbon footprint.



ADVANCEMENTS: The new i30 is proof that Hyundai is taking its attempt to muscle in on the Ford Focus family hatchback sector far more seriously than in previous years

Hyundai flexes muscles with its 'Korean Focus'

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i30

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Fit and finish is excellent at this price (£12,995-£16,595 on the road). The luxury and comfort of the leather seats on our 2.0 CRDi Premium flagship model were an added bonus – you really could be sitting in a more upmarket car – and expensive brand.

Powertrains are good too, though the 2.0-litre turbodiesel of our car is not the pick; I prefer the 1.6 diesel for its mix of refinement, power and economy.

Out on the road though, you realise Hyundai still has work to do; it is one thing to mimic the cosmetics of your rivals, but another to create a chassis to ride well and satisfy the keen driver.

The i30 cruises well, is comfortable and you won't worry about breaking down, but take the cross country route and the i30 is a bit dull; it grips securely, but the body pitches into the bends and the ride is unsettled by poor surfaces.

Can Hyundai follow up with a hot model to prove it can get the chassis sorted if needed? If so, then this Korean heavyweight really can start to worry the likes of VW, Vauxhall and Ford.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

CITY CARS

SMALL city cars are in big demand as the global debate heats up and we watch fuel prices soar and Government policies make matters worse. No wonder that we are all rethinking and asking "Just how much car do I really need?" For single users, couples and small families, the answer is something a no-brainer when a small supermini – now popularly known as a city car or urban runabout – can return nearly 60mpg and falls into the lowest road tax bands. Here are three of the cheapest used buys.

CHEVROLET MATIZ



INCH for inch, the Matiz was state-of-the-art in terms of five-door compact city car design when it arrived as a Daewoo in 1998. Early 800cc versions were pretty gutless and rather noisy on the motorway, so go for the 1.0-litre engine if possible. Otherwise, the Matiz is a frugal and well-equipped easily-parked car for local driving and surprisingly spacious and versatile, with a comfortable ride. Aesthetically, the original design is better than the later 'puffed up' facelift version.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S Panda donated the chassis and running gear for the Fiat 500 cult car, so there is not much wrong with the oily bits – a fact borne out by reliability surveys. We must not forget that the Panda itself is a former European Car of the Year award winner; it offers five doors, acres of space, cut-price running costs and a decent drive and there are even diesel and 4x4 options – though both of those command a used market premium.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C2



CITROEN'S C2, with its distinctive dropped rear quarter window line and split tailgate, inherited the old Saxo supermini's younger driver fanbase, but plentiful numbers and generous deals on new examples have kept used prices keen. Available only as a three-door – the bigger C3 supplies that demand – the 1.4-litre petrol is the pick of the engines, since the 1.1 can be noisy and sluggish, while the sporty 1.6 GT and VTS versions are not so suited to motoring on a shoestring.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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2001	Y*	Corsa Comfort E/T	12	5	Aruba blue	62,300	3,295
2002	02*	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Nepal yellow	55,800	3,995
2002	02*	Corsa Comfort Auto	14	5	Petrol blue	39,000	4,495
2004	04	Corsa Energy E/T	12	3	Silver lightening	30,600	4,795
2005	54	Corsa Breeze	10	3	Black sapphire	30,600	4,995
2005	05	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Star silver	39,500	5,695
2005	05	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Ultra blue	22,000	5,495
2007	57	YNew Corsa Club A/c	12	3	Star silver	5,950	8,395
2007	07	YNew Corsa Club	12	3	Ultra blue	6,080	7,995
2007	07	New Corsa Club	14	5	Star silver	8,000	8,295
2007	07	New Corsa Club CDTi	13D	5	Black sapphire	4,480	8,495
2007	57	New Corsa Club Auto	14	5	Air blue	11,175	9,795
2007	07	New Corsa Sxi	14	3	Silver lightening	11,050	8,995
SIGNUM							
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	22	5	Oyster	50,375	5,995
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	22	5	Star silver	36,500	6,350
2004	04	Signum Elite Auto	22	5	Black sapphire	22,000	7,995
2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	22	5	Silver	34,850	7,295
2007	587	Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav 19D	19D	5	Star silver	9,950	14,995
MERIVA							
2004	04	Meriva Life E/T	16	5	Star silver	27,600	5,495
2007	07	Meriva Energy	14	5	Black sapphire	5,750	8,995
2007	57	Meriva VXR	16	5	Arden blue	2,680	2,495
ASTRA							
2001	Y*	Astra Club Estate	16	5	Barolo red	36,075	3,495
2003	03*	Astra Club	16	5	Classic green	42,350	3,995
2003	53	Astra Elegance Estate	22	5	Star silver	42,000	4,995
2004	54	New Astra Club E/T	16	5	Star silver	40,500	6,995
2005	05	New Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Ultra blue4	2,000	7,995
2007	07	New Astra Sxi	16	5	Panacotta	5,800	9,495
2007	07	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	14	3	Black sapphire	11,025	9,495
2007	57	New Astra Club Estate CDTi	13D	5	Panacotta	7,850	12,995
2007	57	New Astra Sxi	16	5	Panacotta	6,890	9,695
2007	57	New Astra Energy	14	5	Black sapphire	6,690	8,995
2007	57	New Astra Club	16	5	Peacock	7,725	9,495
2007	57	New Astra Sxi CDTi X pack	19D	5	Moonland	5,250	13,995
2007	57	New Astra Club Auto	18	5	Petrol blue	5,285	9,495

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ZAFIRA							
2005	55	New Zafira Club CDTi	19D	5	Panacotta	38,075	9,995
2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	16	5	Flame red	31,650	8,495
VECTRA							
2005	05	Vectra Design Auto	2.2	5	Ultra blue	11,750	7,795
2005	05	Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,550	7,850
2007	07	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Star silver	12,650	9,995
2007	57	Vectra Exclusiv + pack	1.8	5	Pomegranate red	4,675	9,995
OTHER VAUXHALL MODELS							
2007	57	VXR8 Sat Nav	6.0	4	Phantom Black	6,775	32,995
2007	07	Tigra Exclusiv Red	14	5	Metro blue	10,925	11,995
2007	07	Antara SE DTi	2.0D	5	Nickel silver	8,000	20,995
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES							
2007	07	Vivaro	19D		White	9,400	£10,150+VAT
2006	56	Movano	2.5		Silver	3,000	£13,995+VAT
2007	07	Combo	1.3D		White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT
2007	57	Combo	1.3D		White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2007	57	Vivaro	19D		White	Delivery	£13,595+VAT
2008	08	Vivaro	2.0		White	Delivery	£10,995+VAT
2008	08	Vivaro	2.0		White	Delivery	£13,250+VAT
2008	08	Vivaro	2.0		Silver	Delivery	£12,995+VAT
2008	08	Vivaro	2.0		Silver	Delivery	£12,995+VAT
2006	56	Astravan	1.3		White	9,800	£6,995+VAT
2003	03*	Combo	1.7D		White	68,500	£3,695+VAT
2007	57	Combo	1.3D		White	13,475	£7,350+VAT
2007	57	Combo	1.3		White	3,400	£7,650+VAT
2003	53*	Vivaro	1.9		White	81,550	£6,350+VAT
2005	55	Vivaro	19D		Red	57,500	£10,250+VAT
2007	57	Vivaro	1.9		White	12,100	£10,295+VAT
2007	57	Vivaro	2.5D		Silver	4,275	£14,995+VAT
2007	57	Movano	2.0		White	10,300	£12,995+VAT
DUE SOON							
2004	04	Corsa Energy CDTi	1.3D	3	Black sapphire	40,200	5,495
2005	55	Corsa Breeze	12	3	Silver lightening	20,000	5,695
2007	56	New Corsa SXi A/c	12	3	Black sapphire	19,000	8,395

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CORRIDA RED	
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SAVING £4,815.00	
PRICE TO YOU £13,990.00	
57 OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI SDR HATCH	
CORRIDA RED	
COST NEW £20,570.00	
SAVING £4,280.00	
PRICE TO YOU £16,290.00	
57 OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI SDR ESTATE	
STORM BLUE	
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SAVING £3,845.00	
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57 OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI SDR ESTATE	SOLD
CORRIDA RED	
COST NEW £18,805.00	
SAVING £3,815.00	
PRICE TO YOU £14,990.00	
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OCEAN BLUE	
COST NEW £12,590.00	
SAVING £2,600.00	
PRICE TO YOU £9,990.00	
57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V SDR MPV	
ANTHRACITE GREY	
COST NEW £13,280.00	
SAVING £2,790.00	
PRICE TO YOU £10,490.00	
57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V SDR MPV	
FLAMENCO RED	
COST NEW £13,250.00	
SAVING £2,760.00	
PRICE TO YOU £10,490.00	
57 ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.9 TDI SDR MPV	
STORM BLUE	
COST NEW £13,980.00	
SAVING £2,990.00	
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07 ROOMSTER LEVEL 3 1.4 16V SDR MPV	
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ACCORD, 2.2 i-Cdti Ex 5dr, 1254649, honda accord 2.2 i-cdti ex 5dr, 6121 miles, manual, diesel, 5 doors, 0 previous owners, blue, £20990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

ACCENT 1.3, 2002, silver, 41625 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, bentlem silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £45490, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

3, 2002, dolphin grey, 62684 miles, £8995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 735i AUTO, 2002, Oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

X5, 3.0d SPORT AUTO, 1060km, grey, 19362 miles, £23000, Big Motoring World, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £22950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, LTJ 2.0, gk800w, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, calfyns Chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal melt with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, 01795426700 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, 925649, chrysler pt cruiser 2.4 gt 5dr honda honda ashford drake & fletcher blue, 2005, 27672 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £5880, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

CHARADE, 1.0 SL, 5Dr Hatchback, 07/2004, a/con alloy wheels electric windows central locking pas, champagne, 11, 000 miles, £3995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MATERIA, 08/2008, alloy wheels tinted glass a/con remote c/locking electric windows fog lamps reverse park & sensors & much more!! dark red mica, delivery miles miles, £10,845, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SIRION, 1.3 SE Hatchback 5dr Auto, 08/2008, pas remote c/locking electric windows alloy wheels rear parking sensors, black, 1, 000 miles, £10, 145, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

FIAT

CINQUECENTO, m/1994, manual locking manual windows, red, 74, 000 miles, £1195, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £395, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

FORD

ESCORT, 1.8 Si CONVERTIBLE, 1995 (v), 95 (n) ford escort 1.8 si, Daytona yellow coachwork with contrasting black leather trim, service history, electric pack, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows, electric mirrors, twin air bags, alloy wheels, cd hi-fi, bargain convertible for the spring, only £1995, datona yellow, 67000 miles, £1995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

FUSION, 2.1 4, 2003, pepper red, 38819 miles, £4995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MUSTANG, 3.8 v6 coupe, 1995, silver, 23579 miles, £5495, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

TRANSIT CONNECT, as566z, remote central locking, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, brake assist, air bag, cd player, side load door, white, 11396 miles, £3495, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446528 (TRADE)

HONDA

CIVIC, 1.8 i-Vtec Se 5dr, 1166649, honda civic 1.8 i-vtec se 5dr honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher galaxy grey, 2007, 9531 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £11995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

HORNET, SPORTS, 2001 (y), 01 (y) honda hornet sports/commuter, metallic blue coachwork, garaged, stunning condition for year, comes with new front tyre, recent back tyre, new brake pads front & rear, hugger, tinted screen, full mot, metallic blue, miles, only £1995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

JAZZ - 1.4 i-Dsi Se 5dr Cvt-7, 1209649, honda jazz 1.4 i-dsi se 5dr cvt-7 honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher abalster silver, 2006, 9301 miles, automatic, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £10495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

S2000, 2.0i 2dr [alarm], 1165649, honda s2000 2.0i 2dr [alarm] honda honda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher moonrock grey, 2005, 12000 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £17995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, 2.0 Sport 5dr [ac], 1167649, mazda 323 2.0 sport 5dr [ac] mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher green, 2001, 42000 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 3 previous owners, green, £3389, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

KANGOO, SL17 DCI 70+, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1500 manual, 3 drs, white, 25000 miles, £5495, Palm Bay, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

BONGO, mazda bongo, miles, £, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

PREMACY, 1.8 Gsi 5dr, 995649, mazda premax 1.8 gsi 5dr mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 1999, 43000 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, blue, £3289, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

RX8, 190 Nemissis, 993649, metallic paintwork, mazda rx-8 190 nemissis mazda mazda ashford drake & fletcher copper red met, 2007, 11701 miles, manual, petrol, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, red, £14990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER, 1.6 3dr, 13/11/2002, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, yellow, 29672 miles, £3499, Invicta Motors, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

NISSAN

INTERSTAR, SE MM35 120bhp With Nav & Air Con, 726182, remote central locking, bulkhead, ply-lined, side load door, barn doors, dual passenger seat, parking sensor, power steering, satellite navigation, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, delta blue, 69000 miles, £6695, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

MICRA, Celebration Ltd Edn, 2000, celebration special editions; manual 3 door; green, body coloured bumpers; driver's airbag; folding rear seats; front head restraints; immobiliser; loxix child seat anchor points; cassette radio; pas; fsh; recent service/long mot; low insurance; great condition; green, 29000 miles, £1650, Folkestone, 01303 240796 (PRIVATE)

RENAULT

LAGUNA, 1.9 dCi Dynamique 5dr, 2003, 1.9 dci hatch, green, 18669 miles, £5295, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

SCENIC, EXPRESSION 1.6, 2004, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, flame red, 38000 miles, £5695, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

SMART

CITY-CABRIOLET, 2003, insurance group 4 abs alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag front electric windows front fog lights immobiliser passenger airbag radio/cassette rear electric windows remote central locking traction control 3 owners service history, ladybird red, 37000 miles, £4000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FORTWO, pure 61, 2006, white black with grey, 19000 miles, £4995, LJM Motors, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

SMART, 0.6 Pulse Hatchback 3d 599cc Semi-Auto (2002), 04, tripronic 6 speed fun and cheap car's history, cd, elwindows etc, black, 37,000 miles, £4444.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

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TOYOTA

CELICA, Vvti, 2006, red, 20000 miles, £11495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

RAV 4, GX, 02, immaculate mot dec08, blue, 72400 miles, £5450, 01474813193 (PRIVATE)

VAUXHALL

CORSA, CLUB 1.2, g107nj, finished in ultra blue with black interior, blue, 11000 miles, £7495, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TIGRA, 2008, black sapphire, 0 miles, £13495, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

VOLKSWAGEN

BETLE, 2.0, 102adu, finished in silver with interior, silver, 70000 miles, £4020, Calfyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

GOLF, Match 3dr, 601461, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, air conditioning, cd player, cloth upholstery, head restraints, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, electric mirrors, stereo, 16" alloys, aluminium silver, 28000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TRANSPORTER, 717182, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, barn doors, side load door, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, abs, air bag, cd, gah equipment, grp insulation, white, 32000 miles, £13000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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KCA Young Persons' Service delivers specialist, young person-centred drug and alcohol services to those aged 10 - 17. It provides advice, information, support and prevention initiatives, ongoing casework and intensive interventions.

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For application forms and further information, contact: KCA (UK),
Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT.
Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351,
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, www.kca.org.uk.

Closing Date: Ref: 483 6th June 2008

Ref: 485 9th June 2008

Interview Date: Ref: 483 TBC

Ref: 485 23rd June 2008

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You need to be Level 4 qualified (or equivalent) in Literacy and/or Numeracy and will have the responsibility for Internal Verification of Key Skills qualifications. Ref: CD/08/0119

Closing date: Midday, 30 May 2008.

Education Welfare Officer - Cluster Based Service

Starting salary £20,061, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,825 pro rata
0.8 FTE term time only

Deal and Sandwich Cluster, East Kent - currently based in White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield

Education Welfare Officers work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires the ability to work independently as well as being a good team member. You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies.

You will need the ability to travel as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work. Essential car user allowance is payable. Ref: CFE/08/0201

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Closing date: Midday, 9th June 2008.

Children's Centre Administrator

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 pro rata 0.5 FTE (hours to be negotiated)

Grove Park Children's Centre, Sittingbourne

You will need to be a well organised person with the ability to be sensitive to the needs of children and their families.

The role will include creating and maintaining filing systems, day-to-day administrative support and maintaining financial records, stationery ordering and the processing of incoming and outgoing mail.

You must have GCSE English and Mathematics or equivalent and have some general office experience. Having good IT skills and being a good team worker is also essential to this post. Ref: CFHE/o8/o205

Children's Centre Receptionist

Starting salary £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 p.a. inc

Grove Park Children's Centre, Sittingbourne

You will be the first point of contact for all visitors, directing them to their desired destination within the centre and dealing with enquiries in a courteous and welcoming manner. You will need to have an open, friendly and welcoming nature with a tactful and flexible approach.

The role will include processing information received by mail, telephone or email, managing room bookings, meeting and greeting visitors and ensuring the reception area of the children's centre is pleasant and welcoming.

You should have a confident telephone manner with good IT skills and some general reception or office duties experience as well as enjoying working with parents, children and young people. Ref: CFHE/o8/o207

Closing date for the above two posts: Midday, 12th June 2008.

Education Welfare Officer

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Kroner House, Ashford

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You will need the ability to travel as visiting schools and homes, etc, is essential to the work. Ref: CFHE/o8/o218

Closing date: Midday, 9th June 2008.

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(Closing date: Wednesday 4 June 2008 at 12 noon.)

Section Manager Construction Crafts Post Ref: 08/12
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum.

Lecturer in Forensic Science Post Ref: 08/59
7.4 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Higher Education Lecturer in Building Surveying Post Ref: 07/28
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Examinations Co-ordinator Post Ref: ECO
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

On-line Examinations Assistant Post Ref: 08/79
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Assistant Head Chef Post Ref: RC01
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum

Finance Assistant Cashier Post Ref: 04/119
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

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18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

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Grade E: £19,736 - £25,441 pro-rata if part-time

Ref: S01

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Training & Development Co-ordinator
Support Grade E: £19,736 to £25,441

Ref: S02

You will be responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining the College's training and development practices and procedures. The successful candidate will have strong analytical, communication and report writing skills.

PA to Vice Principal - Curriculum
Support Grade D: £17,861 to £22,907

Ref: S03

An opportunity has arisen to support the Vice Principal of Curriculum in the management of the Divisions through the provision of a comprehensive and efficient secretarial/PA service. Excellent typing and organisational skills are essential. The candidate will be able to demonstrate up-to-date knowledge of MS Office applications and have experience of minute taking and diary management.

Experienced Classroom Facilitators
Support Grade B: £17,200 pro rata (fixed point)

Ref: S04

As a Classroom Facilitator you will support our mainstream learners with learning difficulties/disabilities on their chosen courses. We are looking to recruit experienced Facilitators to work part-time within our Additional Learning Support team and offer flexible term time hours across our College campuses.

Customer Relationship Management Administrator
Support Grade A: £11,599 to £16,199

Ref: S05

We are seeking to recruit an administrator to provide a full administrative service for the Business Development Unit. You will be responsible for producing reports and conducting telemarketing activity. The applicant will be able to demonstrate a good understanding of MS Office applications.

Administration Assistant in Hair & Holistic Therapy
Support Grade A: £11,599 to £16,199

Ref: S06

The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently and relevant secretarial qualifications would be advantageous.

All posts are full-time (37 hours per week) unless otherwise stated. The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working opportunities and on-site gym.

The College selection process will reflect our commitment to safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure and List 99 clearance.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate job title and reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 30 May 2008

Mid-Kent College is committed to Equal Opportunities and encourages applications from all sections of the community and welcomes applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.



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Salary: Circa £13,000 - £14,500 + 7.5% shift allowance
Ref: CCTVO/MW

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You will be required to work within an established shift system which includes some unsocial hours and weekend working.

Appointment is subject to satisfactory completion of a Criminal Records Bureau check.

Closing date: 6, June 2008.

For an application form and job description please contact:
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Ref: 00984/K3

A dynamic individual with energy and tenacity and the capacity to organise and motivate is required to manage the Lifelong Learning Network (LLN) Communications and Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) provision across the network. This will involve close liaison with our coordinators based in the 17 network institutions and with IAG practitioners and intermediaries. A key task will be ensuring clear communications to learners, practitioners, intermediaries, employers and stakeholders about the key progression messages of the LLN and the developing higher education offer, both through written and web-based media. You will also be responsible for liaison with Connexions and the LEAs in supporting the development of 14-19 Diplomas.

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Ref: 00983/K3

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You will be a graduate or equivalent and have some experience of teaching or planning and managing learning in a school, further, higher education or community setting. You will have experience in the organisation and management of projects and initiatives and a demonstrable commitment to widening participation and lifelong learning with a minimum of three years experience in an educational context. You should possess excellent communication and organisational skills together with strong team and networking abilities, good IT skills and experience of working with young people and adults.

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Apprentices have the knowledge to go to top



TALENTED apprentices Michael Hamilton and Daniel Bruce (pictured above) came past 1,000 entrants to scoop first and second prize in an industry competition.

The service technicians, who work for Maidstone-based Iveco Main Dealer Haynes Trucks, took the top two places in the firm's network knowledge finals after sitting a rigorous two-hour examination.

Iveco's customer service director Bob Lowden said: "The event has been running for 17 years and it has evolved into a format that provides a training, information and motivation platform for a wide range of customer service roles."

"The event is highly competitive and a great incentive for our network."

Haynes Trucks also has centres in Ashford and Canterbury.

Accountant puts faith in economy of region

TO cope with expansion, accountant Horwath Clark Whitehill (HCW) has moved to larger offices in Tunbridge Wells.

HCW employs more than 500 staff operating from a national network of offices including in premises at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

The Tunbridge Wells office is now in larger premises at Jaeger House in Clanricarde Gardens.

Partner Mark Anderson said: "Although there is doom and gloom in some quarters, we are confident that the South East will continue to be the engine room of the British economy."

The firm has recently recruited a fourth corporate finance partner – Geert Struyven – and further plans are in place for recruitment over the next few months.

Invest more in staff employers told as many want to move

■ BY TONY PATEY

MORE than a quarter of employees in the South East don't have any motivation at work, research has found.

So bosses are being advised to look after their staff more.

Published by Investors in People UK, the organisation that works with companies to improve their productivity, and carried out by YouGov, the research found that 44 per cent of workers are considering taking action and leaving their job in the next 12 months.

Top reasons cited by employees who say they do not feel motivated – there were 27 per cent – were feeling underpaid (21 per cent) unreasonable workload (16 per cent) and lack of clear career path (15 per cent).

Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, which is the Investors in People Centre for the region, said: "Employees, however long they've worked in an organisation, want better support from their managers alongside clear and effective feedback on their performance."

"This support is vital when it comes to mapping out career paths and identifying relevant training and development."

"Without it, employees are likely to drift and depart rather than stay engaged with their organisation's objectives."

Almost half of employees in the region also claim their organisation has failed to continue supporting their career development beyond their initial induction period. And almost a quarter with line managers said they felt unsupported by them.



WORRYING PICTURE: Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, says employees want more support from their managers and clear feedback so they can map out a career path and identify appropriate training

Nationally, the research revealed that those employees who have been in their job for one to two years are most likely to be considering leaving their job.

This group also cited the lack of a clear career path as the most de-motivating factor – greater than workload or pay.

Ms Fraser added: "This research reveals a worrying picture, not only because such a significant proportion of employees in the

South East are de-motivated, but because it suggests that valuable employees may be heading for the door."

"We hope this research will act as a reminder to the region's employers, ensuring they stay alert to the signs of employee demotivation and take action to address it."

"Those that don't are genuinely at risk of losing some valuable talent and, of course, experience."

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Wills too strong for Borstal boys

OLD Wills beat Borstal by five wickets in Feeder League East 1b.

They shared the wickets around, holding Borstal to 147-9 from their allotted overs, but were rocked by the loss of two early wickets.

Simon Wood restored order with 39 and David Bage (11 not out) anchored the run chase, allowing David Fordham (33 not out) to provide the fireworks.

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Alan Bracken of the Medway Dragons on the success of the rugby league side

Ervine accuracy takes its toll on Wells' batsmen

LORDSWOOD cruised to victory by six wickets after their bowlers put in a sterling performance to bowl Tunbridge Wells out for 165.

Craig Ervine was the pick of the Lordwood bowling attack after he claimed figures of 4-42 from his 14-over spell.

Kent academy youngster James Illes continued his good start to the season in the Kent Premier League, with figures of 3-22 from 12 accurate overs.

Only Dan Thirkell put up any kind of resistance for the visitors, but when he was the fifth wicket after being run out for 48, Tunbridge Wells' hopes were shattered.

Lordwood got off to a decent start with Alan Pattenden and Chris Thompson

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

putting on 81 for the second wicket. Pattenden reached 50 off 100 balls, before he was out to Mark Smith, just after Thompson was one of three wickets to fall to Chris Fenwick.

Ervine followed up his bowling heroics to steady the ship for Lordwood as he scored an unbeaten 31 off 46 balls to see his side home with more than ten overs to spare.

The win was Lordwood's first of the season and it has seen them move to sixth in the division, a further 24 points behind runaway leaders Gore Court.



ON TARGET: Lordwood's bowlers were too accurate for Tunbridge Wells

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Lordwood CC - 1st XI v Tunbridge Wells CC - 1st XI

Tunbridge Wells

	Runs
Philip de Plessis ct Masters b Greaves	22
Alex Williams ct M Illes b J Illes	0
Daniel Thirkell run out	48
Brough Cooper b Ervine	33
Mark Smith ct M Illes b Masters	1
Oliver Priestman b James Illes	21
Richard Cutts ct Masters b Ervine	12
Simon Routh not out	15
Chris Williams ct M Illes b J Illes	0
Chris Fenwick lbw b Ervine	0
Chris Lawrence b Ervine	0
Extras (6lb 7w) 13	
Total (all out, 51 overs)	165

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Masters	12	2	39	1
James Illes	12	5	22	3
Matt Illes	6	1	27	0
Jeremy Greaves	2	0	8	1
Craig Ervine	14	2	42	4
Peter Stock	5	0	21	0

Lordwood

	Runs
Alan Pattenden ct Routh b Smith	50
Paul Richards ct Williams b Fenwick	14
Chris Thompson ct Thirkell b Fenwick	37
Peter Stock ct Routh b Fenwick	4
Craig Ervine not out	31
Efren Cruz not out	14
Lyndon Lockhart did not bat	0
Jeremy Greaves did not bat	0
Matt Illes did not bat	0
James Illes did not bat	0
Daniel Masters did not bat	0
Extras (6lb 6w 4nb) 16	
Total (4 wickets, 39.1 overs)	166

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Chris Lawrence	11	0	47	0
Chris Fenwick	12	0	36	3
Mark Smith	11	0	57	1
Oliver Priestman	5.1	0	20	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Bromley Town CC - 1st XI
v Rainham CC - 1st XI

RAINHAM lost a low-scoring encounter by three wickets, after collapsing from 46-3 to 117 all out.

The visitors recovered from the cheap early dismissal of Matt Goodwin thanks to Tom Waters' 44, but James Austin was the only other Rainham player to reach double figures and they needed 22 extras to push them over the 100 mark.

Kevin Taylor took 3-24 as Rainham gave Bromley a scare, but the home side recovered from 79-7 to win with 15 overs to spare, David Scorer's unbeaten 32 and Luke Laverage's 17 not out calming their nerves.

Rainham

	Runs
James Austin	ct Twose b Goodyear 18
Matt Goodwin	b Lverage 2
Tom Waters	b Taylor 44
Callum Mitchell	ct Taylor b Goodyear 5
James Sherrod	ct Slamon b Goodyear 4
Nick Plumridge	ct Goodyear b Twose 9
Phil Bellars	ct Scorer b Taylor 0
John Dangerfield	ct Betts b Taylor 7
Kevin Taylor	b Taylor 6
Daniel Mason	cxb Taylor 0
Aaron Hawkins	not out 0
Extras (4lb 6lb 12w) 22	
Total (all out, 45 overs)	117

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Lverage	9	2	24	1
Scorer	3	1	8	0
Goodyear	11	1	41	3
Betts	5	2	6	0
Twose	8	1	16	1
Taylor	6	1	8	5
Porter	3	2	4	0

Bromley Town

	Runs
Matthew Betts	ct Goodwin b Waters 0
Alex Taylor	ct Taylor b Waters 4
Paul Harris	lbw b Taylor 6
Tom Goodyear	ct Bellars b Taylor 16
Michael Armentis	ct Waters b Taylor 0
David Scorer	not out 32
William Goodyear	ct Taylor b Plumridge 26
Matt Twose	b Plumridge 0
Luke Lverage	not out 17
Stephen Slamon	did not bat 0
Ian Porter	did not bat 0
Extras (5lb 3w 9nb) 17	
Total (7 wickets, 35 overs)	118

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Waters	13	4	43	2
Hawkins	3	0	15	0
Taylor	9	1	24	3
Mitchell	5	1	13	0
Plumridge	5	0	18	2

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1 A

Blue Bell Hill CC - 1st XI
v Pembury

BLUE BELL HILL lost eight wickets for just 22 runs as they went down by five wickets to Pembury.

Jack Attridge (40) and Roy Sams (44) put on 77 for the first wicket and it was down hill all the way from there for the Medway side thanks to some devastating bowling from Richard Bidder (3-15) and Nick Pavely (3-28).

BBH's bowlers made a good fight of it with some tight, accurate bowling but they didn't have a big enough total to defend as Pembury made it home with overs to spare.

Blue Bell Hill

	Runs
Jack Attridge	lbw b Bidder 40
Roy Sams	ct Collins b Bidder 44
Paul Brivio	ct Eaton Bidder 18
Tom Higsted	ct Eaton b Pavely 0
Jack Brivio	ct Eaton b Pavely 0
Paul Fookes	run out 0
Ian Hayward	ct Hemstall b Pavely 1
Ben Higsted	not out 5
David Gardner	ct Eaton b Dawes 0
James Underwood	b Hemstall 1
Simon Lawrence	ct Eaton b Dawes 1
Extras 10	
Total (all out, 38 overs)	120

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nell Hemstall	7	0	38	1
Dinesh Patel	4	0	28	0
Richard Bidder	12	4	15	3
Nick Pavely	12	3	28	3
Richard Dawes	3	0	5	2

Pembury

	Runs
Robert Eaton	not out 53
David Collins	b Higsted 1
Andrew Dawes	b Underwood 16
Alan Moxon	retired not out 9
Nell Hemstall	ct Lawrence b Fookes 0
Richard Dawes	lbw b Fookes 0
Mark Parsons	b Hayward 8
Richard Bidder	not out 21
Paul Kelly	did not bat 0
Dinesh Patel	did not bat 0
Nick Pavely	did not bat 0
Extras 16	
Total (5 wickets, 37.1 overs)	124

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Underwood	12	2	37	1
Tom Higsted	12	2	32	1
Ian Hayward	6	2	9	1
Paul Fookes	3	0	17	2
Roy Sams	3.1	0	11	0
Jack Attridge	1	0	5	0

FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1C

Holcombe CC - 1st XI
v Street End CC - 1st XI

A LOWER order collapse cost Holcombe the chance of victory, as they went down by 38 runs.

Aaron Wadhams produced figures of 5-41, but Street End's Tom Biggs lived up to his name with a huge score, smashing 123 not out to set Holcombe a victory target of 244.

Opener Kevin Shipton made 35 and Paul Chell passed the half century mark with 60, but once he departed only Dion Davis (35) gave Street End's bowlers anything to think about.

Holcombe might have held out for a draw, but on the last ball Tom Dix was stumped.

Street End

	Runs
Jamie Mears	b Wadhams 9
Stuart Mears	lbw b Dix 68
Paul Betts	b Wadhams 0
Tom Guest	ct b Wadhams 4
Tom Anderson	b Wadhams 0
Tim Biggs	not out 123
Aaron Wadhams	lbw b Russell 2
Jack Guest	b Wadhams 10
Sunil Samarasinghe	not out 0
Extras (4b 3lb 19w 1nb) 27	
Total (7 wickets, 46 overs)	243

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Davis	12	1	45	0
Wadhams	10	1	41	5
Chell	4	0	25	0
Carter	5	0	22	0
T Dix	3	0	30	0
Russell	9	0	58	1
C Dix	3	0	16	1

Holcombe 1st XI

	Runs
Kevin Shipton	b S Mears 35
Mark Harvey	b S Mears 16
Paul Chell	ct Paul Betts b Betts 60
John Russell	b J Mears 15
Steve Barrett	ct Biggs b Betts 8
Aaron Wadhams	b Samarasinghe 6
Dion Davis	b Samarasinghe 35
Colin Dix	b Samarasinghe 3
Tim Greenwood	b Betts 0
Adam Carter	not out 3
Tom Dix	b Samarasinghe 2
Extras (5b 13lb 4w) 22	
Total (all out, 46 overs)	205

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Betts	11	1	46	3
J Mears	12	1	49	1
S Mears	12	1	48	2
Samarasinghe	11	1	44	4

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO - 2ND XI

Rainham CC- 2nd XI
v Bromley Common CC - 2nd XI

A MAGNIFICENT 133 from Julian Roach secured victory for Bromley Common 2nd XI by a huge 163 runs.

Matt Drummond-Smith (63) and Roach put on 184 for the second wicket as Rainham's attack were hit all over the ground. Matt Newton's 15 overs cost 87, while Jonathan Prince's two overs were hit for 20 as Bromley amassed 305-7 from their 50 overs.

Rainham were never close in reply and were bowled out for 142 after 37 overs.

Only Glen Cook (36), Paul Swaine (18) and Stuart Swaine (28) reached double figures.

Bromley Common

	Runs
Matthew Drummond-Smith	run out 63
Jay Mannall	ct Burns b Newton 0
Julian Roach	ct Chipperfield b Newton 133
Vishal Bhandari	lbw b Newton 1
Nicholas White	b Waters 11
Daniel Fox	ct Burns b Newton 21
Jack Simpson	ct Chipperfield b Waters 27
Alex Lorimer	not out 18
Ross Willett	not out 10
David Luxford	did not bat 0
Ross Walker	did not bat 0
Extras (3b 5lb 3w 10nb) 21	
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	305

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matthew Newton	15	0	87	3
Paul Newton	12	1	43	1
Liam Kelly	8	1	36	0
Thomas Burns	6	0	48	0
Glen Cook	2	0	14	0
Jonathan Prince	2	0	20	0
Kevin Waters	5	0	51	2

Rainham

	Runs
Stuart Chipperfield	b Lorimer 3
Kevin Waters	b Lorimer 8
John Newton	b Roach 1
Glen Cook	run out 36
Paul Swaine	ct Roach b Willett 18
Jonathan Prince	lbw b Willett 4
Stuart Swaine	b Lorimer 28
Paul Newton	lbw b Willett 7
Thomas Burns	b Lorimer 4
Liam Kelly	not out 6
Matthew Newton	b Lorimer 0
Extras 5b 1b 1w nb) 7	
Total (all out, 37 overs)	142

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Alex Lorimer	12	2	47	5
Julian Roach	8	2	26	1
Ross Willett	7	1	22	3
Jay Mannall	3	0	26	0
Vishal Bhandari	3	0	9	0
Ross Walker	4	2	3	0

Gills reserves now back in contention

GILLINGHAM were "cutting corners" by taking their reserve team out of competitive action and its return for next season will improve standards, according to manager Mark Stimson.

The club withdrew their reserves from the Combination League two years ago under Stimson's predecessor, Ronnie Jepson.

Instead of regular matches, Gills relied on ad hoc friendlies to test those on the fringes of the squad, triallists and first team players returning from injury.

After arriving mid-season, Stimson was unhappy with the lack of games he could arrange, with most other reserve teams involved in league football.

The Combination League accepted Gills' application to rejoin last week, a move which delighted Stimson.

He said: "It's massively important. In most clubs you have a youth team, a reserve team and then the first team.

"You don't get lucky all the time where players can go straight from the youth team into the first team, sometimes they need six

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

months in the reserves to mature.

"Now we have put that in place I would say it's becoming a proper football club.

"The facilities are championship. A club without a reserve team is trying to cut corners. You have got to do everything professionally."

Gills are closing in on their transfer targets as Stimson looks to strengthen the squad for next season.

Stevenage Borough goalkeeper Alan Julian became the first signing of the summer last week.

The 25-year-old signed as a free agent and is expected to provide competition for last season's number one, Simon Royce.

Kevin Maher is due for talks at the club today after being released by Southend.

The midfielder spent two months on loan at Priestfield last season and Stimson is keen on signing him permanently.

The club are also in talks with an unnamed striker, but Stimson denied it was former Gills forward Bas Savage.



PROFESSIONAL: Gills will return to a reserve league next season, says boss Mark Stimson



BEATEN: Joe Denly's career-best innings failed to prevent Kent's six-game winning streak coming to an end

CRICKET

Denly's heroics fail to save day for Kent

JOE Denly's battling 149 on the last day of the county championship clash against Somerset proved in vain as Kent's unbeaten run of six games came to a disappointing end.

The 22-year-old battled bravely in a career-best knock to ensure Kent had a chance of overhauling the 270 needed for victory after seeing his team slump to 176-9.

However, Denly put on a stand of 74 with Martin Saggars until the Whitstable youngster was trapped lbw by Charl Willoughby as Kent fell short by an agonising 20 runs.

Kent had been in a dominating position on the first day after dismissing Somerset for 208 on a good track at Tunbridge Wells, after Ryan McLaren recorded figures of 5-31 and Robbie Joseph 4-67.

Despite Martin van Jaarsveld's 95, Kent took only a 65-run lead from their first innings.

Former England opening batsmen Marcus Trescothick made them pay with a stylish knock of 139, and Ian Blackwell's 61 further dented Kent's chances.

McLaren finished with figures of 3-59 and James Tredwell's three wickets cost 101 as Somerset, who were bottom of the county championship, were eventually all out for 335.

Denly and captain Robert Key set off like a train, putting 51 for the first wicket. However, Willoughby and Ben Phillips pegged them back to leave Kent on 67-3.

Wickets continued to tumble, but Denly remained patient and scored his first ton of the summer. His 233-ball innings, which included 21 fours and 2 sixes, was finally ended to earn Somerset their first championship win.

Kent Spitfires secured a quarter-final berth in the Friends Provident Trophy without a ball being bowled.

Due to the Crusaders' game with Sussex Sharks at Southgate being abandoned on Sunday as a result of the poor weather, Ed Smith's side were only able to claim a single point which was enough to see the Spitfires through.

Coach's new signings to boost Mos' hopes

ICE HOCKEY

INVICTA Dynamos coach Kevin Parrish is closing in on up to six new signings as he bids to strengthen the squad for next season.

The club topped their division last season but again missed out on reaching the play-off final, finishing second in the final group phase.

Since the campaign finished last month Parrish has been busy searching for new talent to go one better next term.

He told Yourmedway: "I'm talking to at least six players at the moment and if I get them I want to start building the team around them. I think they will add a new dimension next year."

With so many additions planned, some members of the existing squad will inevitably make way. The only player to leave so far is Canadian Alex Shaw, who chose to hang up his skates after more than 250 games for the Mos.

Parrish says others will follow but only once he has completed the task of improving the squad.

Two players have already signed on for next year -



ALL CHANGE: Several new players are expected to sign for the Mos (in white)

Anthony and John Sarno, brothers from the United States.

Both have experience playing in Europe and the Mos boss is delighted with the deal.

He said: "I'm very pleased. They come in with good stats and we are lucky to have them. Hopefully, this shows I have big intentions of making the team better for next season."

"I'm happy to bring these guys in and they are excited about joining us."

Quins boss humbled by 'mind-blowing' Dragons

RUGBY LEAGUE

HARLEQUINS' rugby league head coach Brian McDermott has praised the newly formed Medway Dragons, saying the progress made since the club's inception has been "mind-blowing".

The Dragons were created during the winter and already have more than 100 members across their five junior teams.

Although most of the club's players have only played a handful of matches, results continue to improve and they have teams challenging at the top of their respective divisions.

Harlequins, the south's only team in rugby league's top flight, have established links with the Dragons and have two youngsters on scholarships.

McDermott visited the Dragons' home at the Garrison Stadium in Gillingham this week and was enthusiastic about what the club was achieving.

He told Yourmedway: "It's immense. I'm very impressed. There are actually lessons for ourselves to learn - let's stop talking about getting things going and actually do them. This



INSPIRATION: Medway Dragons have made a big impression

is a club of do-ers, it's mind-blowing. We at Quins are a bit humbled by what the Medway Dragons are doing. It's good for the game. If they can produce one Super League player that will do, I would be happy with that."

The Quins boss was watching the deciding matches in the London Origin series, an annual competition between youth sides from north and south London.

Across the three age groups the Dragons had 15 players involved in the matches, a considerable number given their relative lack of experience.

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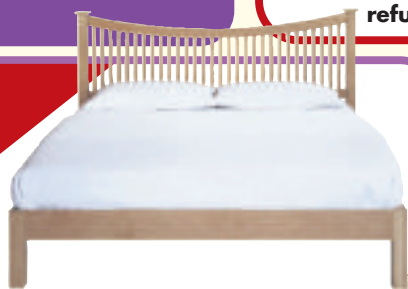
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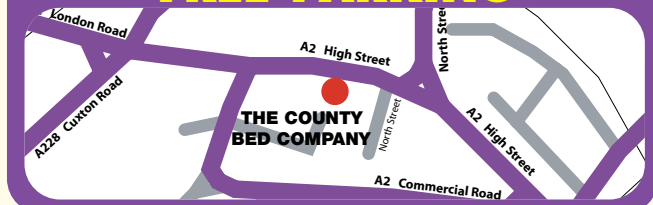
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